

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Swimming Pool and Leisure Facilities Contract Task Group

To: Cabinet – 8 November 2016

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Subject: Final Report of the Swimming Pool and Leisure Facilities Contract Task Group

Purpose: To present the Final Report of the Swimming Pool and Leisure Facilities Contract Task Group

Recommendation:

That the recommendations of the Swimming Pool and Leisure Facilities Contract Task Group be considered.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The Performance Monitoring Panel established the Swimming Pool and Leisure Facilities Contract Task Group on 1 December 2015. It commenced its work on 21 January 2016.

1.2 The scope of the Task Group was:

- To consider performance, in relation to the contract, by the Authority and the contractor, particularly with reference to building maintenance and cleanliness, promotion of the facilities and reinvestment in the facilities;
- To look at the Council's performance in monitoring the leisure facilities; and
- To learn from the outcomes of this scrutiny, to inform future contracts and contract monitoring

1.3 The membership of the Task Group consisted of Councillors J R Astill, T A Carter, G K Dark (Chairman), J L King and A M Newton.

1.4 At a meeting of the Performance Monitoring Panel on 30 August 2016, consideration was given to the Task Group's final report and recommendations. The final report is attached as Appendix 1. The recommendations in Section 7 of the report were approved by the Panel for submission to the Cabinet.

2.0 OPTIONS

2.1 The Cabinet may:

- a) Approve the Task Group's Final Report and recommendations;
- b) Not approve the Task Group's Final Report and/or suggest that some or all of the recommendations be amended; or
- c) Do nothing

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That if approved by the Cabinet, the report and its recommendations be taken on board to improve processes and procedures in the future, as identified.

3.2 That if agreed by the Cabinet, progress be updated to the Performance Monitoring Panel as identified

4.0 EXPECTED BENEFITS

4.1 That if approved by the Cabinet, the report and its recommendations be taken on board to improve processes and procedures in the future, as identified.

4.2 That if agreed by the Cabinet, progress be updated to the Performance Monitoring Panel as identified

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Constitution & Legal

5.1.1 The service is currently subject to a formal contract which expires in 2018, and that contract contains a number of obligations on both parties.

5.1.2 This is an executive function and any changes to the arrangements will need to be approved by Cabinet unless they are outside of the Policy Framework or Budget, which would require Council approval.

5.2 Contracts

5.2.1 Contract management is an issue that has been identified by the Task Group as an area requiring more robust management. In addition, the Task group commented that the large number of additions and variations to the Contract between the Council and the leisure provider over the years made it difficult to identify requirements clearly.

5.3 Corporate Priorities

5.3.1 The work of the Task Group links to the following Corporate Priorities:

- To provide the right services, at the right time and in the right way
- To develop safer, stronger, healthier and more independent communities while protecting the most vulnerable

5.4 Health & Wellbeing

5.4.1 Provision of leisure facilities is important for the health and wellbeing of the local community and as mentioned at 5.3.1 above, is linked to more than one of the Council's Corporate Priorities.

5.5 Reputation

5.5.1 The Task Group was originally set up following criticism and adverse publicity in 2015 around cleanliness and 'wear and tear' of the swimming pool in Spalding specifically.

5.6 Transformation Programme

5.6.1 Future option appraisals in respect of Leisure Facilities provision in South Holland will be detailed in the Council's Transformation Programme. The Task Group has recommended that the Performance Monitoring Panel be involved in the consultation stage of this process.

6.0 WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED

6.1 The swimming pool and leisure centre are located within the Spalding Castle Ward however individuals from many wards within South Holland use the facilities.

7.0 ACRONYMS

7.1 None

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| Background papers:- | None |
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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

This report refers to a Discretionary Service

Appendices attached to this report:

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| Appendix A | Final Report of the Swimming Pool and Leisure Facilities Contract Task Group |
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