

# **Cabinet Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Leisure Provision Task Group Report**

## Introduction

At the Cabinet meeting on 3rd December 2014 consideration was given to the report of the Leisure Provision Task Group. As the Chairman of the Task Group, the Leader welcomed Councillor C. J. Spencer to the meeting and thanked her for being present to provide clarification on any matters raised by Cabinet Members. Councillor Spencer outlined the work which had been undertaken by the Task Group and thanked Members and officers for their contributions.

The Cabinet then discussed and considered each of the recommendations of the Task Group in detail.

## Response to recommendations

Please find below responses to the recommendations contained within the scrutiny report:

### **Recommendation 1**

- (a) that charges for leisure facilities and services, such as the Dolphin Centre, should be used to promote usage and participation in leisure activities; and
- (b) that the Council's concession scheme should be publicised where appropriate to ensure price is not a barrier to participation in leisure activities.

### **Cabinet Response**

The Cabinet felt that the wording of (a) above should be amended slightly as set out below to clarify the intention behind the recommendation

“that the charging structure for leisure facilities and services be used to encourage usage and participation in leisure activities.”

Part (b) to the recommendation was agreed..

### **Recommendation 2**

That Members should familiarise themselves with the leisure activities available within their wards via the information provided by the Sports Development Team and visit activities as appropriate.

### **Cabinet Response**

This recommendation was approved.

### **Recommendation 3**

- (a) that the noticeboard situated adjacent to Blockbuster be utilised;
- (b) that a noticeboard be included in the list of requirements for the Phase 2 Works of the Town Centre; and
- (c) that it was acknowledged that there were often problems with noticeboards being maintained and information displayed kept up to date, so to minimise this it be recommended that these be maintained by the local Ward Councillor..

### **Cabinet Response**

This recommendation was approved.

### **Recommendation 4**

- (a) that officers continue negotiations with BAM and look for alternative funding sources to fund a Sports Hall moving forward; and
- (b) that if the negotiations with BAM are unsuccessful, then Cabinet reconsider and make recommendations to full Council for the facility to include a Sports Hall.

### **Cabinet Response**

Part (a) of the recommendation was approved.

With regard to part (b) of the recommendation the wording was agreed as follows:

“that if the negotiations with BAM are unsuccessful, then Cabinet reconsider options for the facility to include a Sports Hall”.

The Leader and the Portfolio Holder thanked the Task Group Chairman and Members for their work in producing a very useful report.

Councillor Mark Bullivant – Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Leisure Services.