

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8(b)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

19 AUGUST 2014

<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY & LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT</p>

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the work of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. Since the last report to OSB, the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel has met on one occasion on 7 August 2014.
3. At that meeting the Panel received further information in respect of its current review on the topic of Alternative Delivery Models (ADM) – Sports and Leisure Services. In advance of the meeting a member of the Panel had attended a stakeholder event on 18 July 2014 to review and agree the evaluation criteria for the ADM Sports and Leisure Services options appraisal process.
4. At the stakeholder event it was confirmed that the following leisure facilities are currently in the scope: Sports Village, Rainbow Centre, Neptune Centre, Southlands and Golf Centre.
5. As part of the panel's formal meeting the Council's Strategic Commissioning and Procurement Officer and Development Activities Manager were in attendance to invite comment from the Panel on the revised option evaluation criteria prior to the criteria being presented to the Change Programme Transformation Board.
6. In addition to the above Members had also requested that information be obtained from neighbouring local authorities with experience of operating Alternative Delivery Models for sports and leisure services.
7. In advance of the meeting the Chair of the Panel had met with the Cabinet Member for Arts, Leisure and Culture at Stockton Borough Council to gain an insight into Stockton's experience of transferring the management and operation of leisure

services to a Trust. The Cabinet Member at Stockton Borough Council was extremely positive in respect of the Trust model in operation in Stockton.

8. A meeting had also been arranged with the relevant officer at Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council to gain an overview of their experience of establishing a local Trust and outsourcing sports and leisure services to a private sector operator. The information obtained at that meeting was submitted to the panel and an overview of the rationale, savings and other benefits, as well as the lessons learned by Redcar and Cleveland was provided to the Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

9. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report and the updated position.

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