

Report for: Cabinet, 11 July 2023

Title: Review of Leisure Provision in the borough

Report

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Ward(s) affected: All

Report for Key/

Non-Key Decision: Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 This paper considers the arrangements for the future provision of leisure services in the borough to improve services and protect them from decline.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

2.1 The provision of leisure services is key to helping our residents lead active, healthy lives. Access to sports and leisure facilities is central to health and wellbeing for residents of all ages.

2.2 Haringey's main leisure centres, at Tottenham Green and Park Road, plus the community gym at Broadwater Farm, are currently run by Fusion. These two leisure centres offer the only publicly available swimming pools in the borough and are critical to providing access to swimming. Many of our schools use these pools to provide their pupils with swimming lessons, and both pools host a range of clubs and activities.

2.3 In August 2021, the Council successfully insourced New River Sport and Fitness from Fusion and since then we have delivered better and inclusive services whilst increasing the financial viability of the centre. New River now has an improved café, higher usage of facilities, higher membership levels, a revamped gym and a 5-a-side football league including more options for girls and women.

2.4 With the swimming pool at Tottenham Green Leisure Centre closed for the last six months, and repeated swimming pool closures at Park Road, it is now time to review the arrangements for the provision of leisure services in the borough.

Note: Part B of the report contains further information including recommendations, reasons for decision, alternative options considered, background information and further statutory comments. However, due to commercial sensitivities this report is not for publication as it contains information classified as exempt under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

3. Contribution to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-2024 High level Strategic outcomes?

- 3.1 Resident experience, collaboration and participation – the recommendations in this report reflect our aspirations to deliver a positive resident experience and insourcing services.
- 3.2 Adults, health and welfare – the recommendations in this report will deliver better opportunities for people of all ages to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

4. Statutory Officers' comments

4.1 Finance

Please see Part B for the Finance comments.

4.2 Strategic Procurement

- 4.2.1 Strategic Procurement notes the contents of this report and has been consulted in relation to the contract performance issues with the current leisure contract.
- 4.2.2. Strategic Procurement will provide the necessary support in relation to assessing the service delivery options and the implementation of any related decision.
- 4.2.3 There are no procurement related matters preventing Cabinet agreeing to the Recommendations stated in this report.

4.3 Legal

Please see Part B for Legal comments.

5. Use of Appendices

None

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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