

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

24 JANUARY 2012

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

LEISURE: VISION

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members as required on the progress taken towards the development of the Leisure Vision for Melton Borough.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that

- 2.1 **Members note the progress taken towards the development of the Leisure Vision.**
- 2.2 **The preliminary consultation upon sporting need within the Borough amongst local people be noted.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 In previous reports Members received an indication of the stages that need to be completed in order to adequately develop a full Leisure Vision for the Borough and the Town of Melton Mowbray. An early aspect of that vision is the understanding as to what local people and sports clubs and users consider to be the “need” for further/better provision. Once this has been ascertained data matching need to provision will be examined and further consultation on refining the Vision will take place.
- 3.2 It is proposed therefore that a consultation exercise takes place offering as wide an involvement as possible in developing the preliminary stages of the need to be assimilated into the ultimate Vision. At a previous meeting Members indicated a preference for majoring at this time upon the need for “dry side” facilities, however, the consultation will be couched widely and views upon the provision of “wet” facilities will be included.
- 3.3 The consultation methods will include use of the Council’s website, an approach will be made to the local newspaper, the Melton Times, and use of Council outlets and the Councillors Surgery Stall.
- 3.4 At this stage the consultation will be about gathering views from local people upon (briefly) what sports provision is considered to be needed, how this would serve the whole of the Borough, which facilities need improving to provide for these needs and in what regard are new facilities needed. Also, a question as to likely “use” would be included. As this is a preliminary consultation to be used widely with the general public it is not intended at this stage to have any more than 5/6 questions so that these may be analysed to assist with the collection of preliminary data on views.
- 3.5 Following this wider consultation it would be intended to hold more detailed discussions with local sports clubs together with as said more detailed analysis of data and information and a Customer Insight exercise in the Summer. This information should enable a firm foundation to be developed for the needs which would be fed into the overall Leisure Vision.

3.6 In parallel with this work further discussions will take place with the Melton Community Partnership to ensure there is involvement/ownership with the developing activity. As indicated previously preliminary steps are being taken to secure legal advice concerning the options for a vehicle to deliver the vision in due course. It is always good practice to have relevant professionals on hand as the project is developed rather than receive their advice part or halfway through a process such as this. Preliminary examinations taking place of the East Midlands Lawshare arrangements and if these do not provide sufficient expertise at this time a tendering exercise will be held.

3.7 Members have indicated previously that they wish to consult widely upon the Leisure needs, involve local sports clubs and organisations as well as follow proper processes with respect to site selection and procurement. This preliminary survey will give a better indication of views to the Council and its Partners when developing the Vision.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Council has decided it wishes to explore a Leisure Vision for the Borough. This report sets out the next steps to develop this approach.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 At this stage there are no significant financial implications for the Council in the way it plans and develops the Leisure Vision for the Borough. The survey proposed within this report can be completed within existing resources and the previous report indicated that preliminary legal advice could also be accommodated within existing budgets.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 It is believed that early advice sought around the development of models to provide and run future leisure facilities will be helpful in the longer term to enable the Council to effectively and efficiently progress the developed provision.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report, although it is possible that some members of the Community may propose services and facilities which may improve the offer to young people and potentially reduce Anti-Social Behaviour.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 Equalities Impact Assessments will be required as the development of the Vision progresses further.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 Probability

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Very High A				
High B			4	
Significant C				
Low D			3	
Very Low E			1, 2	
Almost Impossible F				
	IV Neg- ligible	III Marg- inal	II Critical	I Catast- rophic

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Impact

Risk No.	Description
1	Proper consideration of the Active Melton proposal
2	Adequate involvement and consultation with the Community
3	Difficulties with site selection
4	Adequate funding for proposals

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 This report proposes carrying out preliminary consultation with the Community prior to engaging with Sports Clubs and Organisations.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: None specific

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