

# **AGENDA ITEM 17**

## **Urgent Item**

### **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**19<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

#### **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS**

##### **WATERFIELD LEISURE CENTRE- CAR PARK EXTENSION**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To update members on the proposed Waterfield Leisure Centre (WLC) car park extension and seek members support for the proposal.

#### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.2 **Members note, comment and support the proposal to extend the Waterfield Leisure Centre car park and the matter is referred to PFA for approval.**

#### **3.0 KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 Since the award of contract to SLM for the management and improvement of the Waterfield Leisure Centre (WLC), there has been a consistent growth in the number of visits to the centre, which now offers a range of activities and high quality gym facilities.
- 3.2 Recent figures show another very busy month at the site in May 2013, SLM have been busy in memberships again we also had a big push on children's activities through May, with a free taster week 20-26 May and obviously a busy period through school holidays for both the swimming pool and the children's activities.
- 3.3 The Sauna and Steam room project has been completed and now compliments the major refurbishment carried out. This month we have also completed the repair and installation of the new Air Conditioning and Ventilation in the Group Cycling room, and this has had some very positive comment from the regular attendees already.
- 3.4 Attendance figures remain up averaging over 30, 000 visits per month compared with 20,000 per month last year. This has increased pressure on car parking. Particularly between 4pm & 7pm and SLM would be very interested in a joint initiative to create a new grass Crete overflow car park and lighting.
- 3.5 Officers were aware of this & included the works within the competitive tender quotations sourced for other car park works. The cost for WLP –including professional fees is c £65k plus VAT. SLM are willing to contribute £32.5k next financial year for the car park extension that will add another 36 parking spaces. These figures are lower than the cost estimates of £90k received prior to competitive tender. We are unlikely to achieve the same price if this job was delayed and not done to co-incide with Burton St works, and from a value for money perspective it is good value.
- 3.6 A plan showing the proposed extension is attached as appendix A.

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 A full business case will be presented to the Policy, Finance & Administrative Committee at their meeting of 10 July 2013, seeking approval and inclusion in the 2013/14 capital programme for this project.

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Background Papers:

Appendix A - Plan of proposed extension

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