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Councillor Call for Action - Leisure Review	Regeneration and Leisure	Cllr Phil Smith	1

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Together with our parks, playing pitches, open space and play areas, the leisure facilities in South Ribble Borough play a significant part in what is a much wider provision for sport and physical activity. Alongside schools and community, professional, public and private provision the Council works in promoting, supporting and facilitating active lifestyles amongst our residents.

Our existing built facilities are mixed in nature, age and purpose and have developed organically over time to reflect and respond to a developing and changing need in provision.

As we move into a period of accelerated but planned growth in the Borough framed within what was at the time, ground breaking and relatively unique Development Plan structure, so the delivery of development within that framework has been boosted by the addition of City Deal funding to aid and support delivery.

This period of anticipated growth together with an acknowledgment of a growing risk within the Council's existing leisure facilities relative to the age and nature of this provision suggested the need for review.

Our Corporate Priorities continue to reflect the importance we place on Health and Wellbeing as a Council and the work undertaken in reviewing provision will allow important decisions to be made in ensuring we can make high quality sustainable provision into the future.

DETAILS AND REASONING

A number of key considerations which drive a Leisure Review are listed below.

- The importance of the health and wellbeing of our residents
- The age and condition of existing facilities
- Changes in the population size and residents needs
- Changing operating models
- Financial pressures and need to maximise value for money in provision of facilities and associated activities and achieve a sustainable long term approach to physical activity and leisure provision in the Borough
- Opportunities through the Local Plan
- The current Leisure Contract expires in March 2021

The Council have contractual arrangements with Serco and the Community Leisure Trust for the management and operation of the following leisure facilities:

- 1) Leyland Leisure Centre
- 2) Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre
- 3) South Ribble Tennis Centre
- 4) Penwortham Leisure Centre (Dual use facility)
- 5) Penwortham Holme

The contract fee varies year on year and is adjusted annually for inflation. In addition the Council pay a fixed annual repayment to Serco for the capital financing costs of capital investment and replacements (Serco Paisa) and an annual professional support grant to the Trust. Other budgeted costs of providing these facilities include provision for any repair and maintenance costs which fall within the Council's landlord responsibilities and costs in relation to the management of the Leisure Contract.

The budget provision has been as high as £1.6 million per annum. The current budget provision is approximately £1,000,000 per annum. The budget provision is set out in fixed formulas agreed in the contractual arrangements with the Council having limited control.

Sport England Facilities Planning Model

A Leisure Development Plan is mentioned in the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2015/2018. This is a public document. It states development work was to commence to help ensure South Ribble's Leisure and Cultural offer is fit for purpose in light of the expected increase in population. The development plan will look at different options for delivery, identify locations and facility mix and ensure that the future strategic needs, impacts and outcomes within the local area are met.

Work has been ongoing following Sport England Guidance ie

Stage 1-4 Information Gathering

Stage 5-6 Statement of Requirements

Working towards

Stages 7-8 Producing a Business Case and establishing Value for Money

In addition the Croston Road North Masterplan identifies a potential future facility for community/leisure facility. (2014 attached)

Cabinet Forward Plan

The Cabinet Forward Plan identifies Leisure Review for March 2017. There will be consultation on options.