

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

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Leisure Provisions for Older Residents Scrutiny Review

Report of the previous Administration's Communities Scrutiny Committee

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To ask Cabinet to approve the recommendations of the Communities Scrutiny Committee's Leisure Provisions for Older Residents Scrutiny Review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Explores options in simplifying the membership structure;
2. Explores ways of better understanding how many older people are using the Council's Leisure Facilities each year by using the new reporting system and updating Members on this as part of the Committee's work programme;
3. Implements a system in which those who have taken part in the exercise by referral scheme are followed up on during and after the initial 12 week course to encourage continued participation; and
4. Considers a dedicated area on the website which promotes the activities and services on offer.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

This will be determined if Cabinet decide to accept the Scrutiny Review recommendations as part of the Lead Officer response.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

This will be determined if Cabinet decide to accept the Scrutiny Review recommendations as part of the Lead Officer response.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

This will be determined if Cabinet decide to accept the Scrutiny Review recommendations as part of the Lead Officer response.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

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REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

1.1 The Communities Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a Review into Leisure Provisions for Older Residents as part of its work programme for 2022/23.

1.2 The Review aimed to:-

- Understand and assess what was being done in the District to promote healthy lifestyles and improve wellbeing in older residents;
- Understand the demand from older residents for leisure provisions provided by the Council;
- Identify any opportunities to increase participation and new memberships;
- Evaluate what had been successful; and
- Identify room for improvement.

1.3 The Review Panel met on five occasions and considered a variety of information to gain an understanding of the subject area including a scene setting presentation from the Assistant Director of Leisure, and subsequently interviews with Healthy Lifestyles Manager, Health and Wellbeing Development Officer, and the Swimming Development Officer. Members also considered data from Sport England, the Office for National Statistics (ONS), and the Derbyshire Observatory. The full report attached at **Appendix 1** sets out in more detail the evidence gathered and a synopsis of the views expressed.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

2.1 The recommendations are:

That the Council:

2.1.1 Explores options in simplifying the membership structure;

2.1.2 Explores ways of better understanding how many older people are using the Council's leisure facilities each year by using the new reporting system and updating Members on this as part of the Committee's work programme;

2.1.3 Implements a system in which those who have taken part in the exercise by referral scheme are followed up on during and after the initial 12 week course to encourage continued participation; and

2.1.4 Considers a dedicated area on the website which promotes the activities and services on offer.

3 **Reasons for Recommendation**

3.1 The Review Panel heard from a number of stakeholders during the Review process. The Review identified a number of strengths in regards to the leisure

provisions it provided to older residents in the District. Members were impressed with the activities on offer, provided both in the leisure centres and out in the community and thanked the staff providing those services.

3.2 There was, however, some areas for improvement involving exercise by referral, monitoring of memberships and participation, displaying information on the website, and membership pricing and structure.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 NA

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Leisure Provisions for Older Residents Scrutiny Review
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	