

CABINET

12 NOVEMBER 2021

REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A.3 SCRUTINY OF PARTICULAR ELEMENTS OF THE COUNCIL'S SPORT AND LEISURE SERVICE

(Report prepared by Keith Durran)

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 20 September 2021 (Minute 22 refers), the Resources and Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee ("the Committee") had scrutinised particular elements of the Council's Sport and Leisure Service.

Members heard that the enquiry was to consider the Council's developing Leisure Strategy (and how this would inform investment to address areas where Tendring was below comparable averages in activity levels), the commissioned works being undertaken at Clacton Leisure Centre (CLC) and the refurbishment of the CLC Skate Park.

RESOURCES AND SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

After a detailed discussion the Committee had **RECOMMENDED** to restate to Cabinet:-

"That the Committee's request that an updated draft District-wide Leisure Strategy be brought forward as speedily as possible for consultation and that the Strategy should seek to enable a fresh direction to the delivery of leisure facilities and address the issues facing the District, including encouraging people to progress from being fairly active to active and from inactive to fairly active and the provision for those with disabilities."

PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENT(S) AND RECOMMENDATION(S) TO CABINET

Portfolio Holder's Comments

"I would like to thank the Committee for proposing a fresh approach, and to commend staff for implementing it in a way that encourages more activity, including:-

- £617,000 invested in Clacton Leisure Centre, upgrading changing rooms, sauna, LED lighting and the air handling unit in the health suite, and new wetside changing rooms, to complete by Christmas;*
- £250,000 allocated to a new Clacton Skatepark to be completed next Summer;*
- £670,000 from ECC and the Football Foundation to fund and install a 3G football pitch at Clacton; and*
- £30,000 to support up to 120 people on a 12 week GP referral scheme to TDC leisure facilities."*

Recommendations to Cabinet:

That the recommendations made by the Resources and Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted and that the responses of the Portfolio Holder thereto be endorsed.