

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Leisure & Environment Committee** held in the Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, Notts, NG24 1BY on Tuesday, 13 November 2018 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R Jackson (Chairman)  
Councillor N Mison (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor M Cope, Councillor Mrs R Crowe, Councillor Mrs L Hurst, Councillor D Staples, Councillor Mrs L Tift, Councillor Mrs A Truswell, Councillor K Walker, Councillor T Wendels and Councillor Mrs Y Woodhead

IN ATTENDANCE:

APOLOGIES FOR  
ABSENCE:

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS AND AS TO THE PARTY WHIP

Councillor T Wendels declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 – Active4Today Business Plan as he is a Southwell Leisure Centre Trustee.

Councillor Mrs A Truswell declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 – Active4Today Business Plan as she is a Director for Active4Today.

26 DECLARATION OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING

Other than the Council recording in accordance with usual practice, there were no declarations of intention to record the meeting.

27 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28 ACTIVE4TODAY BUSINESS PLAN

The Committee considered the report presented by the Director of Customers and Managing Director – Active4Today, which presented the Active4Today Draft Business Plan 2019/20 and updated the Committee on the Company's latest quarterly performance.

The Chairman asked whether the Newark & Sherwood Physical Activity and Sports Plan 2018 – 2021, which was considered as the following agenda item at the meeting, be incorporated into the Active4Today Business Plan. The Managing Director - Active4Today confirmed that the content of the Newark & Sherwood Physical Activity and Sport Plan 2018 – 2021 would be assessed and looked at in terms of delivery; flexibility would be required due to the Active4Today Business Plan currently operating for a one year period only.

A Member made reference to the Newark Sports Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) and asked if there was an Ollerton Sports Forum in existence. The Managing Director – Active4Today confirmed that he would seek confirmation of this; however, he did understand one did exist. He confirmed that all Sports Forums were run by volunteers from clubs, with Active4Today providing only secretariat support to the meetings; the Managing Director confirmed he would clarify the position and feedback that information to Members of the Committee.

A Member sought clarification as to whether GP referrals were still undertaken. It was confirmed that the referrals did take place, although not to the numbers previously seen; conversion rates were good as patients were being referred and were staying with the programme. In the past there was a higher referral rate but a 80% drop off rate. It was confirmed that banners were displayed in GP surgeries and a Leisure Officer periodically attended GP surgeries to promote the leisure services available. People can however, now self-refer onto pay and play classes including seated exercise and stroke-ability; these classes are well attended, by approximately 150 people per week. The Managing Director then informed the committee that he was going to look at another GP referral scheme over the next few weeks, which operated in another authority in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). This scheme attracts funding of £750,000 per annum and is a preventative measure against bariatric surgery. Feedback will be provided to the Committee regarding that work.

A Member sought clarification regarding Wellow House School, the continuing swimming programme and proposed dry side usage and asked whether the dry side usage would compromise the Dukeries leisure centre. The Managing Director Active4Today confirmed that they were trying to broaden Active4Today's remit to get people more active. Discussions were taking place with the school Head regarding car parking at the school. Options available were being pursued including the possibility of car parking at the front of the school. Any changes made would be in conjunction with the Service Level Agreement.

A Member suggested an amendment for recommendation (a) which was subsequently agreed.

AGREED (with 9 votes For and 2 Abstentions) that:

- a) the Committee considered the Active4Today Draft Business Plan 2019/20 and asked the company to work with Council Officers to align its targets with the priorities which are approved for the Newark & Sherwood Sport and Activity Plan 2018/21 and provide a report to the January meeting of the Committee;
- b) the Quarter 2 performance be noted;
- c) Active4Today provides the January committee meeting with its latest in-year financial position and full year forecast in order that the Committee can form judgements on the appropriateness of the management fee payable in 2019/20; and

- d) the Committee approves the proposed reduction in the management fee payable to Southwell Leisure Centre Trust by £15,000 from 2019/20 and the remaining 50% of the management fee for Southwell being held in abeyance this year is paid.

29 NEWARK & SHERWOOD PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORT PLAN 2018 - 2021

The Committee considered the report presented by the Community Projects Manager which sought Committee approval for the adoption of the updated Newark & Sherwood Physical Activity and Sport Plan 2018 to 2021.

The Community Projects Manager informed the Committee that the Plan had been considered by the Corporate Management Team that morning and an amendment was proposed to the Vision to reflect the Plan's focus on addressing health inequalities in priority areas of the District.

A Member commented that whilst he supported in principle the plan, the plan did not provide the detail regarding how the plan would be delivered.

The Community Projects Manager confirmed that the plan did not include the detail regarding specific work programmes; however these would be established over time after discussions had been undertaken with Active4Today and other key community and voluntary sector partners, to look for them to lead on them. It was confirmed that the plan was not a focus on sport, but an emphasis to get people active through engagement in appropriate physical activities. Implementation plans would be developed over time and an annual review would be undertaken and reported back to the Committee.

A Member commented that whilst he agreed with the philosophy of the plan, if there were no resources to implement the plan he could not see how the plan could be delivered and subsequently make a difference to people's lives. A plan was needed regarding how the plan would be delivered and where the resources would come from.

A Member sought clarification regarding the approach to encourage obese people to engage in sport/physical activity, as they may be uncomfortable about their size, especially young people through peer group pressure. Another Member also suggested that school meals could be addressed to make them more inspirational as healthy did not have to be dull.

The Community Projects Manager confirmed that the Council would work closely with schools and partners to make sport and physical activity more attractive and accessible to children that are or are at risk of becoming overweight/obese. The local community would be engaged to see how behavioural change could be made to change attitudes to physical activity and sport.

AGREED (unanimously) that the Newark & Sherwood Physical Activity and Sport Plan 2018 – 2021 be approved and adopted.

30 UPDATE ON THE CLEANER, SAFER, GREENER CAMPAIGN

The Committee considered the report presented by the Strategic Development Manager which detailed the progress made since the successful launch of the campaign in July 2018 and the activities to date and upcoming activities for the Cleaner, Safer, Greener Campaign.

AGREED that the report be noted and further updates be brought back to Committee.

31 PROGRESS REPORT: NEWARK & SHERWOOD YMCA COMMUNITY AND ACTIVITY VILLAGE

The Committee considered the report presented by the Community Projects Manager which updated Members in respect of building progress at the Newark & Sherwood YMCA Community and Activity Village.

Members were informed that on 6 April 2017, Policy & Finance Committee agreed that specified S106 monies held by the Council, be allocated to the YMCA in respect of the Community and Activity Village. Those monies were subsequently added to the Council's Capital Programme. The YMCA commenced Phase 1 work at the above site in May 2018 and it was reported that they had made good progress to date. The report detailed progress to date regarding Phases 1 and 2 of the scheme. The report also provided an update regarding the land at Elm Avenue (the Stadium) and following the meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on 30 November 2017, the land at Elm Avenue had been transferred to the District Council and work was progressing to secure external planning consultants to develop a scheme to seek to secure outline planning consent for residential development and if planning approval was secured, to market and dispose of the site. A sum of £50,000 was set aside to meet the costs of securing consent and subsequently marketing the site. On the disposal of the land 50% of the net capital receipt would be retained by the Council subject to it being ring-fenced to the Community and Activity Village. The remaining 50% would be transferred to the County Council under the terms of the land transfer.

The report also detailed the equalities implications and financial implications (FIN18-19/6048).

A Member asked that the YMCA be thanked for their work.

AGREED (unanimously) that the report be noted.

32 LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN

The Leisure & Environment Committee Forward Plan was provided for Member information. Members were encouraged to submit any areas of work they wanted to address for the forthcoming year.

NOTED the Forward Plan.

33 HEALTH & WELLBEING

The Leisure & Environment Committee Vice-Chairman informed the Committee that he had attended two Patient and Public Engagement Committees (PPEG) meetings, one Health and Wellbeing meeting and one Health & Wellbeing Board meeting since the last meeting of the Leisure & Environment Committee.

It was reported that the PPEG Committee was growing and the work plan was being agreed. Work was also being undertaken with the Patient Participation Groups.

The Health & Wellbeing Board had discussed the Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System. He commented that professionals would be located together in Hubs which would encourage joint thinking.

The Vice Chairman thanked the Interim Director for the work undertaken regarding the Health Forum which took place last month.

The Interim Director informed the Committee regarding the health partnership facilitated by the LGA which was delivering the Nottinghamshire Health & Wellbeing. A further partnership workshop would take place on 26 November 2018. The Partnership delivery plan would be brought to the January meeting of the Leisure & Environment Committee.

34 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That, under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

35 MODULAR POOL AT THE DUKERIES LEISURE CENTRE

The Committee considered the report presented by the Director of Customers which sought Committee approval for the development of a modular pool at the Dukeries Leisure Centre.

(Summary provided in accordance with 100C(2) of the Local Government Act 1972).

Meeting closed at 7.28 pm.

Chairman