

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, 19 March 2019 at 6.00 pm.

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

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 Councillor M Cope (Committee Member)

ABSENCE:

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

There were no declarations of interest.

51 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.

52 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2019

Minute No. 40, Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group Presentation - the paragraph regarding the Andrea Leadsom (MP) reform was incorrect and should read Andrew Lansley reform.

AGREED that subject to the above amendment the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53 NEWARK AND SHERWOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING DELIVERY PLAN

The Committee considered the report presented by the Senior Health and Community Relations Officer, which sought Member approval for the adoption of the Newark & Sherwood Health & Wellbeing Partnership Plan 2019-2022.

The District Council had been developing a partnership plan which would outline its commitment to the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018 – 2022. The aims and objectives of the plan had been developed over the last 12 months in consultation with key stakeholders and partners and this approach had developed an overarching strategic objective to ‘improve the health and wellbeing of local residents, with a particular focus on narrowing the gap in healthy life expectancy and other health outcomes’.

Members commented that whilst they welcomed the delivery plan and the structure envisaged within it, concern was raised that no consultation had taken place with local groups, voluntary sector, parish council etc. Engagement was considered as crucial when trying to improve people's health and change lifestyles. The equalities implications were also considered unhelpful and Officers needed to positively address the disadvantages that people faced. It was further commented that sports grants normally were secured by groups in more affluent areas which was considered unfair and help should be provided to establish new clubs when grants were given to those clubs. A comment was also made regarding the reference to the 8.4 year gap in life expectancy across Newark & Sherwood for men, which was detailed in the 'wider determinants of health' section of the plan. It was considered that women should also be included within the plan as they also had an 8.3 year gap in life expectancy. The Senior Health and Community Relations Officer Manager confirmed that the plan would be amended to include both male and female life expectancy figures. It was also confirmed that the new community plan and staffing restructure would create extra resources to enable work to be undertaken in communities. An Insight model was also being developed which would undertake research in communities and provide detailed information. The Council in consultation with other local authorities was developing partnership work with Active Nottinghamshire and Public Health Nottinghamshire.

Childhood obesity was also discussed and a Member commented that local schools had not been consulted regarding this health issue. The need for joint working with schools was considered necessary to combat childhood obesity. The Senior Health and Community Relations Officer confirmed that work was being undertaken with schools through the work programme. The junior park run had taken place and local schools had been involved. The Chairman of the Council had presented a new Chairman's trophy to the local school which scored the highest number of points over the period of the schools' challenge.

A Member commented that the delivery plan did not include COPD or respiratory health problems or diabetes. The Senior Health and Community Relations Officer confirmed that the delivery plan's aim was to support improvement in health and wellbeing generally across the District.

AGREED (unanimously) that the Newark & Sherwood Health & Wellbeing Partnership Plan 2019 – 2022 be approved and adopted.

#### 54 YMCA SPORTS VILLAGE PROGRESS REPORT

The Senior Health and Community Relations Officer provided a verbal update regarding the YMCA Community and Activity Village. Marketing material provided by YMCA was tabled for Members information.

The Senior Health and Community Relations Officer provided an update on the success of the delivery of phase one and the expected timescale for phase two. The Community and Activity Village had experienced significant growth in usage since opening phase one with two full sized 3G's and an athletics track and a temporary provision for changing, on site administration and storage pending the development of phase 2. Members were informed of the good news around recruitment with a

number of posts being secured and filled. In the long term there would be further career opportunities through the project.

The football facility was reported to be fully booked for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings (core hours). Pitches were well used outside of core hours and the YMCA was developing new initiatives to provide football for females, people with disabilities and over 55's. Football pitches were also booked for recreation and social purposes. The YMCA was working closely with Nottingham Forest Community Trust and the District Council to actively encourage children and young people to attend the community and activity village on a Friday evening to participate in the Kick's programme as a diversionary activity, this session was free to all children and young people.

Work was being undertaken with the Magnus Academy's 'You Can Do Sport' partnership which offered a post 16 Extended Diploma in Sport with a focus on football and uses the facilities three afternoons per week. This programme also included coaching and refereeing in sport qualifications. RHP Football Club used the pitches for all club training and fixtures and were delighted with the provision. Newark Town Football Club First team had indicated that it would move to the community and activity village in August 2019 in preparation for the 2019/20 season. The club were using the pitches for training. A number of local clubs and groups were also using the sites pitches.

Newark Athletics club had moved to the facility and were utilising the track alongside other local running clubs which had booked track time. Sky Sports had also undertaken some filming at the facility regarding fitness for boxing through athletics on the running track.

Work was also ongoing in respect of adjustments to the lighting in order that the impact of the new facilities would not create adverse neighbour nuisance issues in terms of light pollution.

The scheme was actively being progressed to phase two, the main Hub building, with an estimated Autumn 2020 completion date and work was on going in terms of developing submissions for grant funding to assist with the delivery of the full offer.

The Senior Health and Community Relations Officer suggested that representatives of the YMCA be invited to a future meeting of the Leisure & Environment Committee to provide an update.

A Member sought clarification regarding whether a similar scheme would be introduced for Sherwood. The Senior Health and Community Relations Officer confirmed that he was aware that the YMCA had an ambition to reach out to the wider community which included the Sherwood area of the district. The offer would develop over time to provide services across a broader base such as those services traditionally associated with YMCA's which could extend to supporting independent living in the district. However, YMCA's initial aim was to deliver the community and activity village and initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of local people. They were also keen to work in partnership with the district council to raise levels of aspiration amongst young people and to improve social mobility across the district.

AGREED (unanimously) that:

- (a) the verbal update be noted; and
- (b) a representative of the YMCA be invited to a future meeting of the Leisure & Environment Committee.

55 NEW NATIONAL WASTE STRATEGY

The Committee considered the report presented by the Business Manager – Transport & Waste Services, which informed Members of the details of the government’s recent release of ‘Our Waste Our Resources a Strategy for England’ and the potential implications for Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Members commented that the proposed strategy was good but questioned where the funding for this would be secured. The need to be consistent throughout the country regarding recycling and the need for a national strategy was discussed.

A Member commented on the work that had been achieved by the Transport & Waste team regarding fly tipping in the Sherwood area of the district and thanked them for this.

Concerns were raised regarding difficulties for Newark and Sherwood District Council residents making payments to Mansfield District Council (MDC) for the green bin service provided by MDC. The Business Manager – Transport & Waste Services confirmed that this issue was being addressed with the residents.

AGREED (unanimously) that the report be noted.

56 ANNUAL REPORT DETAILING THE EXEMPT REPORTS CONSIDERED BY THE LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive listing the exempt items considered by the Committee for the period 1 March 2018 to date.

The Committee agreed that the reports considered on the 13 November 2018, relating to Modular Pool at the Dukeries Leisure Centre, could now be released into the public domain.

The Committee also agreed that the report considered on the 22 January 2019, relating to Southwell Leisure Centre Trust, should remain confidential.

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- (a) the report considered on the 13 November 2018, relating to Modular Pool at the Dukeries Leisure Centre, could now be released into the public domain; and

(b) the report considered on the 22 January 2019, relating to Southwell Leisure Centre Trust, should remain confidential and exempt.

57 LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN (1 MARCH 2019 TO 31 FEBRUARY 2020)

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.

The Leader of the opposition commented that the Labour Group had submitted proposals at that the last Council meeting and asked that the following items be included on the Forward Plan. Health coaches; fly tipping; and mental health.

NOTED the Forward Plan.

58 HEALTH & WELLBEING

There were no updates regarding the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Chairman