

SCRUTINY BOARD (SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND CULTURE)

TUESDAY, 16TH JULY, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor M Rafique in the Chair

Councillors D Cohen, M Lyons,
P Wadsworth, M Ingham, J McKenna,
A Castle, D Coupar, A Khan and
J Illingworth

13 Late Items

There were no formal late items of business to consider. However the Chair agreed to accept the following items as supplementary information:

- Leeds Let's Get Active – supplementary report and appendices (Agenda item 7) (Minute 17 refers)

14 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared at the meeting.

15 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Chapman and Councillor R Harington, with Councillor J Illingworth in attendance as a substitute for Councillor R Harington.

16 Minutes - 18 June 2013

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

17 Scrutiny Inquiry - The role of the Leeds Let's Get Active Scheme in promoting public health

The Board carried out the first session of its inquiry focused on the role of the Leeds Let's Get Active scheme in promoting public health. Members were provided with two reports which provided background information on the scheme and details of the proposed programme to be launched in October 2013.

In attendance to address the Board and answer Members' questions were:

- Councillor Lucinda Yeadon, Executive Member for Leisure and Skills
- Councillor Lisa Mulherin, Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing
- Mark Allman, Head of Sport and Active Lifestyles
- Sue Haigh, Active Lifestyles Manager
- Anna Frearson, Public Health Consultant.

Mark Allman presented a brief overview of the proposed programme, which aims to get the inactive active, highlighting the three separate strands of:

- Free offer in leisure centres (doubled at sites in more deprived areas)
- Free offer in community settings
- Discounted offer via Bodyline (Bodyline Access Scheme)

He also outlined the research element of the project and reminded the Board that the overall scheme had been designed to meet Sport England's funding criteria. Details of the governance arrangements for the scheme were provided and Members were also made aware of some of the benefits already being seen through closer working between City Development and health and public health colleagues.

The Executive Members stressed the importance of this pilot project in tackling health inequalities in the city, and also indicated that where possible other sources of funding would be sought to provide additional activities to complement the scheme.

Members raised the following issues in discussion:

- The aims and objectives of the scheme were strongly welcomed
- The importance of targeting the marketing of the scheme
- The closure of East Leeds Leisure Centre and the impact on motivating local communities to access sports centre facilities
- Potential transport barriers and the need to keep this under review as the project progresses
- The geographic spread of the offer and concerns that some key target communities in terms of health deprivation would not have easy access to the scheme as currently proposed, including people living in pockets of deprivation within more affluent parts of the city
- A query as to whether the NHS might allow the facilities at Quarry Hill to be included in the free offer, given their interest in health improvement
- The needs of non-geographic communities that are identified as suffering from health deprivation, for example gypsies and travellers, and those wishing to access single sex sessions, to meet cultural and faith needs
- The support to individuals that would be trialled as part of the scheme
- The importance of sustainability, so that people who take part continue to be active
- The use of cards to monitor take up and usage of the scheme
- The importance of gathering both qualitative and quantitative data as part of the research element of the project
- The important role of partners including health professionals, third sector partners and ward members
- The potential interest from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to extend exercise on prescription opportunities.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the Principal Scrutiny Adviser produce a summary of the Board's views to be included in the report to the Executive Board in September 2013.
- b) That the Chair of the Board write to the NHS with regard to possible inclusion of the Quarry Hill facilities in the scheme.

(Councillor J McKenna left the meeting at 10.30am during discussion of the above item.)

18 Strategy for Sport & Active Lifestyles in Leeds 2013 -2018

The Board received a report and presentation on the draft strategy for sport and active lifestyles in Leeds 2013-2018 prepared by the Sport Leeds partnership. Members were invited to comment on the draft strategy prior to its presentation to the Executive Board in September 2013.

In attendance to address the Board and answer Members' questions were:

- Councillor Lucinda Yeadon, Executive Member for Leisure and Skills
- Stewart Ross, Leeds University, Chair of Sport Leeds
- Rob Young, Consultant
- Mark Allman, Head of Sport and Active Lifestyles.

Rob Young presented an overview of the strategy and its development, highlighting the following areas:

- the strategy is a city wide document, developed through the Sport Leeds partnership
- it builds on the platform of the previous strategy
- the new strategy has been in development for the past 12 months, with lots of engagement with stakeholders
- the Sports Leeds partnership, which will own and oversee the strategy, is seen as a national exemplar
- the need to make best use of the limited resources available across all sectors
- the three aims of: improving health and wellbeing through more active lifestyles; widening access to sport; and nurturing success in sport
- the priority programmes for the strategy to deliver, success measures and the leadership and monitoring role of Sport Leeds.

The Board generally welcomed the draft strategy and the invitation to comment on it. Members raised the following issues in discussion:

- health inequalities within the city remain the biggest challenge
- members welcomed the bid for funding from the National Governing Bodies pilot, which could potentially produce a single plan for the city

- the desire to develop opportunities for apprenticeships and also to encourage volunteering by university students to enhance the availability of coaches
- members welcomed the proposal for a review of facilities across the city and supported the aspiration to increase community access to school facilities
- the importance of children learning how to take part in activities and the perceived elitism of some clubs
- the importance of role models to inspire others to take part and become successful
- the challenge of club level sport in the inner city, where funding and volunteer support may not be as readily available as in some of the more affluent areas of the city
- examples of local professional clubs playing a community role, and of ward member funding for local opportunities
- national funding being delegated to primary schools for school PE and sport, and the quality of teaching and teacher training in this area
- the council's decision last year to provide some increased rate relief for sports clubs
- events run by council staff to support clubs to identify potential funding and write bids
- the huge drop-off in participation after school and the need to work with colleges and work places to encourage healthy and active lifestyles.

RESOLVED – That the Principal Scrutiny Adviser produce a summary of the Board's comments to be included in the report to the Executive Board in September 2013.

19 Request for Scrutiny

The Board considered a request for scrutiny from Ms Kath Field in relation to proposals to introduce charges for residential parking permit schemes.

The Board noted that this request arose from a report to the Executive Board in June 2013 and that a public consultation exercise was underway prior to a further report to Executive Board and planned implementation in November.

It was also noted that a previous Scrutiny Board inquiry in 2008 had recommended that the council consider introducing charges for residents' parking schemes.

Members decided that they would like to scrutinise the proposals following the consultation process and prior to the final proposals being presented to the Executive Board.

RESOLVED – That the Scrutiny Board will consider the final proposals for the introduction of charges for residents' parking permit schemes, following the public consultation process and prior to the final proposals being presented to the Executive Board.

(Councillor Cohen left the meeting at 11.55am at the conclusion of the above item.)

20 Recommendation Tracking

Members considered a report which provided an update on progress with the outstanding recommendations from the Board's inquiry report on maximising powers to promote, influence and create local employment and skills opportunities.

In attendance to address the Board and answer Members' questions were:

- Alice Winter, Head of Employment Leeds
- Sue Wynne, Chief Officer Employment and Skills.

The Board discussed the numbers of jobs and apprenticeships that had been delivered so far as a result of the inquiry, and asked that a further detailed analysis be provided in the follow-up report due to come to the Board in February 2014. In particular they requested that a ward breakdown be included.

Members were also informed of a successful apprenticeship event held recently at the Town Hall and proposals to hold similar events in local communities. Ward councillors would be involved in the arrangements for such events.

They discussed the support that people needed to access these opportunities, including support to be 'job ready' and issues with computer access.

It was noted that the ongoing importance of this issue for the Board was reflected in the further inquiry planned for this year. A working group to scope this inquiry would be organised shortly.

RESOLVED –

- a) That recommendations 6, 9 and 10 be signed off as complete
- b) that a further report be brought to the Board in February 2014 to present the results of the annual survey and provide a further progress report on recommendations 5 and 12.

(Councillors Castle and Ingham left the meeting at 12.05pm during discussion of the above item and Councillor Khan left the meeting at 12.10pm at the conclusion of the above item.)

21 Work Schedule

The Board received a report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which set out the Board's draft work schedule for the

forthcoming municipal year. The report also presented the Executive Board minutes for Members' information.

Members decided that they wished to carry out further work in relation to youth services, following on from the joint working group with the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) which took place on 9 July 2013. The Chair agreed to follow this up with the Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) in the first instance.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the work schedule be agreed subject to the addition of further work in relation to the youth services, and consideration of residents' parking permit schemes as set out at minute 19 above.
- b) That the minutes of the Executive Board meeting on 19 June 2013 be noted.

22 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 17 September 2013 at 10.00am (a pre-meeting will commence at 9.30am for Board members).

(The meeting concluded at 12.15pm.)