



Report of the Director of City Development

Executive Board

Date: 14th January 2009

Subject: LEISURE CENTRE DEPUTATIONS

Electoral Wards Affected:

Beeston & Holbeck, City & Hunslet,
Garforth & Swillington

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In

(Details contained in the report)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the three deputations made by local groups to the Full Council meeting held on the 19th November 2008 concerning the Draft Vision for Leisure Centres. The report proposes that a substantive response to the deputations is considered when a full report on this matter comes back to Executive Board later in 2009.

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report relates to the three deputations made by local groups to Full Council on the 19th November 2008 and proposes that substantive responses are considered when a fuller report on Leisure Centre provision comes back to Executive Board later in 2009.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Executive Board received a report on the 3rd December outlining progress with the "Vision for Leisure Centres" in the City. The report considered the consultation responses received from a broad range of stakeholders. The report highlighted that three deputations were made regarding the possible changes to Leisure Centre provision, namely:

- Garforth Residents' Association - Garforth Leisure Centre
- Middleton Community Group - Middleton Leisure Centre

- SPLASH - South Leeds Leisure Centre

2.2 In summary, the deputations raised a number of concerns relating to draft proposals for Leisure Centres. In terms of making a substantive response, it is evident that this will be informed by the further work recommended by Executive Board on the 3rd December, particularly the work with Sport England.

2.3 It is intended to bring a further report on the vision for Leisure centres to the Executive Board later in 2009 outlining the outcome of the additional work conducted and presenting key recommendations. Clearly the views expressed by the deputations will be taken into account in the formulation of this report, thereby providing a substantive reply to the issues raised.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That Executive Board agrees, that a substantive response to the three deputations made about the Council's Draft Vision for Leisure Centres at the Full Council meeting on the 19th November 2008, be included in the comprehensive report on this matter scheduled for Executive Board later this year.

Background Papers

Deputations from Garforth Residents' Association regarding the closure of Garforth Leisure Centre, Middleton Community Group regarding the proposed closure of Middleton Leisure Centre, SPLASH regarding the proposal to close South Leeds Leisure Centre