



Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

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Report of The Director of City Development

Meeting: North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 2nd February 2008

Subject: Vision for Council Leisure Centres in Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:
Chapel Allerton
Morrtown
Roundhay

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates Area Committee members of progress made on the Draft Vision for Leisure Centres following consultation and a report made to the Executive Board on 3rd December 2008. The report provides information on funding bids and a feasibility study being looked at for Scott Hall Leisure Centre, which it is hoped will result in significant investment and improvement works during summer 2009.

Purpose of this report

- 1 This report seeks to update Area Committee members of progress made on the Draft Vision for Leisure Centres following consultation and a report made to the Executive Board on 3rd December 2008. Specific information is provided in relation to Scott Hall Leisure Centre which serves the Inner North East communities.

Main Points

- 2 On the 3rd December 2008, the Council's Executive Board received a report from the Director of City Development considering the outcome of the public consultation exercise on the Council's draft Vision for Leisure Centres. The report considered the feedback from a broad range of interested stakeholders and the outcome of a Citizens' Panel survey drawn from a representative sample of Leeds residents.
- 3 The outcome of the public consultation exercise highlighted a general level of dissatisfaction with the level of quality in Council Leisure Centres and a general preference that facilities should be provided in Town and District Centres, on arterial roads, or adjacent to schools or health centres.
- 4 With particular relevance to the North East (Inner) Area Committee area, one of the Executive Board's resolutions was:

'That officers further develop capital investment proposals for Aireborough, Bramley, Kirkstall, Pudsey, Otley, Rothwell, Scott Hall and Wetherby Leisure Centres'
- 5 A further report was submitted to the Executive Board on 14th January 2009, outlining the potential funding available to the Council via the Department of Culture, Media and Sport Free Swimming Capital Modernisation Programme. Within the report, it was noted that a stage one application had been made to the pot 4 Sport England funding for the refurbishment of the changing rooms at Scott Hall Leisure Centre. The Executive Board's resolution was:

'That the Director of City Development be authorised to submit final bids in respect of Scott Hall and Sound and Light systems as set out in 4.1 of the report for the 2009/2010 round of Free Swimming Capital Modernisation programme, by 31st January 2009.'
- 6 Officers are currently working on a feasibility study for Scott Hall Leisure Centre which will look at refurbished changing rooms, including:
 - 1 male and 1 female changing room for the dryside activities
 - 2 changing rooms for the use of schools and other groups using the pools
 - New lockers of varying sizes to accommodate people's differing requirements
 - Changing 'village' for the pools, incorporating family sized cubicles, double and single cubicles
 - Fully accessible changing room to 'changing places' standards
 - Showering area incorporating some cubicles for private showering
 - Male and female toilet areas
 - First aid room

- Storage
- Staff changing

- 7 The feasibility study will be submitted to the Free Swimming Capital Modernisation programme for the new deadline of 27th February 2009 as part of a stage 2 submission for funding, as authorised by the Executive Board on 14th January 2009.
- 8 A submission will also be made to the Free Swimming Capital Modernisation programme for sound and light systems for Scott Hall, Pudsey and John Smeaton Leisure Centres as part of a stage 2 submission for funding. The sound and light systems are being modelled on those found in hydrotherapy pools, therefore being used to encourage use by disabled swimmers, but can also be used for parties, junior 'disco' sessions and other swimming groups requiring 'mood' swimming.
- 9 If the funding bids are successful, works will be carried out at Scott Hall Leisure Centre during the School summer holidays, thereby reducing disruption to the school swimming and swimming lesson programmes.

Recommendations

- 10 The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.

Background Papers

Report to Executive Board - 3rd December 2008 - Vision for Council Leisure Centres

Report to Executive Board - 14th January 2009 - Free Swimming Capital Modernisation Programme

