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# **Report of the Director of City Development**

#### Executive Board

## Date: 1 April 2009

## Subject: LEISURE CENTRE DEPUTATION - KIPPAX

Electoral Wards Affected: Kippax	Specific Implications For:   Equality and Diversity   Community Cohesion
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap
Eligible for Call In $\checkmark$	Not Eligible for Call In (Details contained in the report)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the deputation made by Kippax Swimming Club to the Full Council meeting held on the 29th January 2009 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 in May 2009.

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report relates to the deputation made by Kippax Swimming Club to Full Council on the 29th January 2009 and proposes that substantive responses are considered when a fuller report on Leisure Centre provision comes back to Executive Board in May 2009.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 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 consultation responses received from a broad range of stakeholders through a variety of media.
- 2.2 Following the report, a deputation was made to Full Council by the Kippax Swimming Club regarding the possible changes to Leisure Centre provision in Kippax.

- 2.2 In summary, the deputation raised a number of concerns relating to draft proposals for Leisure Centre provision in Kippax / Garforth and possible management models, including the loss of a swimming pool. Within the Executive Board report of 3<sup>rd</sup> December, it was recommended that a new swimming pool be built within a combined Kippax / Garforth leisure centre, to replace the existing swimming pool at Kippax and Squash and Leisure Centre at Garforth, thereby not reducing swimming pool provision in the area.
- 2.3 The concerns within the deputation will be taken into consideration when reporting back to the Executive Board in May 2009 following extensive work being carried out by Council Officers as recommended by Executive Board on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, particularly the work with Sport England on a facility planning model to test the different scenarios for leisure centre provision highlighted in the report.
- 2.3 It is intended to bring a further report on the vision for Leisure centres to the Executive Board in May 2009 outlining the outcome of the additional work conducted and presenting key recommendations. Clearly the views expressed by the deputation 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 deputation made about the Council's Draft Vision for Leisure Centres at the Full Council meeting on the 29 January 2009, be included in the comprehensive report on this matter scheduled for Executive Board in May this year.

#### **Background Papers**

Deputation from Kippax Swimming Club regarding the proposed Kippax / Garforth Leisure Centre