

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

14 NOVEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor S Easom, Chair

Councillors: J S Briggs
S J Carr
E Cubley
R H Darby
W J Longdon (substitute)
J M Owen (substitute)
P J Owen
J C Patrick (substitute)
M E Plackett

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H G Khaled MBE, L A Lally and M Radulovic MBE.

21. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2018 were confirmed and signed.

22. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

23. **GET ACTIVE STRATEGY**

The Committee noted the new Get Active Strategy 2018-21 contained within the appendix to the report. The Strategy detailed Liberty Leisure Limited's approach for Broxtowe and the Managing Director of Liberty Leisure provided background information to the report and emphasised the necessity to try and get people to respond to change. It was stated that engagement in activities and increased attendance at leisure centres reduced loneliness and improved performance indicators.

Members discussed the Strategy and it was stated that the role of the Council was to provide facilities that people could and wanted to use.

24. **GARDEN WASTE SUBSCRIPTION CHARGES FOR 2019/20**

Approval was sought from Committee for the 2019/20 garden waste subscription fees as set out in the appendix to the report.

It was noted that the Council had over-performed in terms of the target that had been set and that the previous increase in charges had not deterred residents from subscribing.

Members debated whether or not the charges should be increased for 2019/20 and it was stated that a gentle, incremental increase in charges was considered to be preferable to maintaining the status quo and then opting to introduce a more substantial increase in future years.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The price for the first bin for 2019/20 be increased to £33.**
- 2. The price for additional bins for 2019/20 be increased to £16.**
- 3. The resolution be recommended to the Finance and Resources Committee for approval.**

25. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS – LIBERTY LEISURE LIMITED

Members noted the progress against outcome targets identified in the Liberty Leisure Limited Business Plan. It was advised that direct debits had increased by 10% thus increasing income which would be reinvested in facilities.

The proposed use of fireworks at a town council Christmas light switch-on in the borough was discussed and it was suggested that the publicity material should include the time and duration of the fireworks display.

The Fast Track Entry System at Kimberley Leisure Centre was discussed and it was advised that this was only available in respect of part of the Centre and did not include swimming. It was advised that this was due to logistical difficulties because of the layout of the Centre.

Implementation of the Get Active Strategy and the recruitment into two vacant Sports Development posts was queried. It was advised that recruitment to the posts would be contained within existing budgets and that the arrangements for such recruitment were contained within the Service Agreement between Liberty Leisure and the Council. Notwithstanding this, it was stated that the Council's nominee on the Liberty Leisure Board should have the opportunity to share the Committee's views with the Board before decisions were made.

26. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS – ENVIRONMENT

The Committee noted the progress made in achieving the Business Plan for Environment and the current Key Performance Indicators for 2018/19.

Progress on the Review of the Carbon Management Plan was queried further to the redundancy of the Energy Manager. The Interim Strategic Director confirmed that a number of big ticket items had already been delivered for example photovoltaic cells installed at the Council Offices, LED lighting, reductions in employee mileage. It was noted that other items would be delivered as part of other work streams.

The recycling of plastics and the necessity for education on the issue to begin in schools was discussed. The Head of Environment confirmed that presentations were undertaken in schools as part of the Clean and Green approach. It was stated that the topic of single use plastics had been the subject of a previous committee report and that a further report would be brought back to Committee on the subject. In addition, the government was due to publish its new Waste and Resources Strategy.

27. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.

Chair _____