Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

LEISURE FACILITIES STRATEGY

1. Purpose of report

This report presents the Leisure Facilities Strategy produced by Continuum, our external leisure consultants for member's consideration (see Appendix 1).

2. Detail

Continuum have now completed their work, and will attend the Committee to present the Strategy, and respond to member's questions. The Leisure Facilities Strategy includes an assessment of potential leisure facilities sites across the north and the south of the Borough.

A major development has been the notice of termination of the joint use agreements at Kimberley School, issued by the Chief Executive of the East Midlands Trust (EMET) to the Council on the 23rd April 2020. An initial report which focuses on the various options around leisure provision in the north of Broxtowe, was presented to an extraordinary Policy and Performance Committee during June 2020. Following the recommendations of the June Committee negotiations commenced with Kimberley School, and are still on-going. In order to keep key stakeholders informed on the progress with these negotiations, correspondence between the Chief Executive at EMET and the Deputy Chief Executive, has been circulated to the Leader, Deputy Leader, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Leisure and Health Committee, Chairs of the Finance and Personnel Committees the Managing Director of Liberty Leisure, and the Leader of the Opposition.

Chilwell School are actively seeking funding for a new School, and recently met with the Leader, Deputy Leader, Chair of the Finance Committee, Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, and the Managing Director of Liberty Leisure to discuss future leisure facilities options at the School. The group agreed that the Council would work with the School to assess various leisure facilities at the School

3. Financial implications

The Leisure Facilities Strategy has been developed within the capital budget approved for this work. The recommendations within this report include a request to the Finance and Resources Committee for £30,000 to procure external professional financial advice covering the financial implications and risks associated with the two Bramcote site options for a new leisure centre

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to;

- 1. NOTE the contents of the Continuum Leisure Facilities Strategy, and RESOLVE
- (a) to procure external professional financial advice to assess the financial implications and risks associated with the two Bramcote site options for a new leisure centre in the south of Broxtowe, and to RECOMMEND the Finance and Resources Committee approves expenditure of £30,000 to complete this work,
- 2. (b) That the committee CONSIDERS which of the site options for a Leisure centre site in Northern Broxtowe it wishes to explore further.
- (c) that the Council continue to work with Chilwell School to assess the leisure facilities options at the School and report back to a future meeting.

Background papers

Nil