

OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

22 October 2019 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillors Coster (Chairman), Clayden (Vice-Chair), Bennett, Bicknell, Dendle, Elkins, Huntley, Miss Needs, Miss Seex, Tilbrook and Mrs Worne

Councillors Mrs Gregory, Oppler, Purchase, Dr Walsh and Mrs Yeates were also in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

Apologies: Councillors B Blanchard-Cooper, Mrs Catterson, English and Miss Rhodes

257. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Committee were in agreement that they all had a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 5 [Leisure Operating Contract – Year Three Report] in view of their membership at the Littlehampton Wave a request was made that this be included in the minutes.

258. MINUTES

The minutes of the Overview Select meeting held on 3 September 2019, as previously circulated, were approved by the Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

259. LEISURE OPERATING CONTRACT - YEAR THREE REPORT

The Chairman invited the Group Head of Community Wellbeing to present his report to Members, in doing so he welcomed Ivan Horsfall-Turner – Chief Executive, Matt Hunt – Operations Director, Darrell Keech – Area Manager, Paul Douglas-Smith – Contract Manager, Lee Tiller and Charlotte Simpson – Active Communities Officers from Freedom Leisure to the meeting.

The Group Head of Community Wellbeing advised Members that he was satisfied with the performance delivered by Freedom Leisure during 2018/19. The Freedom Leisure Team then gave a thorough presentation on their performance and activities over the last year. Their key points are highlighted below:

- 20,000 more customer visits at the centres compared to 2017/18
- Number of people taking part in adult or junior courses, swimming lessons, fitness classes and holiday activities, up by 4.5% compared to the previous year.
- Number of people taking part in referral programmes, up by 29%, this included GP referrals and Phase 4 Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Increased activity levels of fairly active and active adults at the Littlehampton Wave and Arun Leisure Centre – these activity levels are

monitored by Freedom Leisure using the Sport England criteria of the number of adults doing less than 30 mins of exercise, those completing 31-149 mins and those completing 150+ mins per week. Compared against 2017/18 the results for Arun were:

- Inactive -5.78%
- fairly active +6.26%
- active -0.48%
- A total of 26.7% increase in Gym Memberships over 2018/19
- Both Arun Leisure Centre and the Active Communities teams hold a Quest accreditation. Littlehampton Wave will be applying for accreditation in 2019/20
- External Auditors, Leisure Client conducted an audit in August 2018, Littlehampton scored 84.61 putting it in the 'Good' category, Arun Leisure Centre scored 89.16 putting it in the 'Very Good' category
- A Community development programme had been established through the Active Communities Framework
- Freedom Leisure gained the Investors in People accreditation
- Achieved the target of opening the Littlehampton Wave before 1 April 2019
- Since the Littlehampton Wave opened the carbon emissions have halved, giving the community a far more environmentally friendly building

There were four main projects that Freedom Leisure had focused on over the last year with the overall aim to provide activities that were as inclusive for as many people to take part in as possible. Some highlights of these were:

- Starting well & living well for families and younger people
 - Junior Summer Fitness challenge
 - Xplorer days for families in local parks
 - Supported the "This Girl Can" campaign
 - Delivered school holiday activity programmes at both centres
- Making the facilities more affordable and accessible?
 - Provided swim only memberships
 - Subsidised memberships for those on weight loss programmes
 - 50% reduction in charges for core activities with junior membership
 - Discounted swimming for those supported by Coastal West Sussex Mind
- Aging well
 - Provided free health walks for over 2,500 walkers
 - Supported 35 volunteer walk leaders all over the age of 60
 - Provided unlimited free swimming and a half price coffee for those over the age of 75

- Developed a health referral membership for those living with long term health conditions
- For those with additional needs
 - The Arun Active Communities organised the parallel youth games held at K2 where these children represented their schools
 - Provided discounted activities for those with a Compass Card, working with the Amaze Charity
 - Provided free activity session for disabled children and their families working with Albion in the community

The following questions/points were asked and raised by Members:

- Were there any plans to set up indoor Tennis facilities? The Group Head of Community Wellbeing explained that there were no plans, but this could be considered in the future.
- A number of questions were raised regarding the condition of the building and the equipment at the Arun Leisure Centre. It was confirmed that all the equipment was relatively new after the gym refurbishment, if there were issues with the equipment these would need to be reported to Freedom Leisure who would investigate and arrange any repair work to be undertaken. It was also confirmed that work to improve the condition of the wet changing area would be investigated to ensure that these facilities matched the quality of the rest of the Centre.
- A request was put to the Freedom Leisure team, to consider running courses for adults with disabilities across all the centres. Freedom Leisure confirmed that this would be looked into for 2020.

The Chairman thanked Freedom Leisure for their presentation and Members were all in agreement that the work Freedom Leisure had accomplished over the last year has been very impressive and was something to be proud of.

260. FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Committee received and noted the feedback report received from Councillor Bennett, as this Council's nominated representative, following his attendance at the meeting of the West Sussex County Councils Health and Adult Social Care Committee (HASC) held on 26 September 2019.

Councillor Bennett drew the Members attention to three key points from his feedback report that were:

- The update on West Sussex Suicide Prevention Strategy 2017-2020 that showed that the Suicide rates had reduced since 2013.

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- West Sussex Health Protection Report was presented and showed that West Sussex had a great rate for children aged 1 receiving the MMR vaccination but that the rate for children aged 3, due to have the second vaccination, showed a significant drop.
- Substance Misuse Services also reported that more people were coming forward for support to get off drugs or drink with 1537 people currently being supported by the service.

The Leader of the Council was invited to speak by the Chairman regarding the low uptake of the second MMR vaccination for children aged 3. Dr Walsh advised Members that everyone had a responsibility to ensure that MMR vaccination was vital to ensure these diseases do not come back as it could lead to an epidemic. He stated that the current vaccination levels are at 70% and needed to be 90%.

A full debate took place and suggestions for West Sussex County Council to look into the way the second vaccination is promoted to the public, including reminder letters, notices place at children's nurseries and a campaign using graphic images showing the result of being exposed to Mumps, Measles and Rubella.

261. FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS OF THE SUSSEX POLICE AND CRIME PANEL HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Committee received and noted the feedback report from Councillor Mrs Yeates following her attendance at the meeting of the Sussex Police and Crime Panel on 27 September 2019.

Councillor Mrs Yeates drew Members attention to the following points within her report:

- The South East Regional Integration Partnership agreement
- 101-telephone service and the integration of a Queue Buster service on this line to help with the volume of calls received
- Chichester Custody Suite

She also advised that she had received a presentation from the Early Intervention Youth Fund team regarding the REBOOT programme in relation to young people who have the potential to end up turning to Crime. The presentation specifically looks at changing behaviours to avoid these circumstances.

A summary of the discussion that took place has been detailed below:

- Feedback for the 101-telephone service was still felt to be poor and further questions should be put to the Panel to continue to investigate and implement solutions to this service
- Further questions were raised regarding the Chichester Custody Suite update, with concerns being aired for the time being used to transport

people from Chichester to Worthing and then back again and the issue that the suite at Chichester is being paid for and not used

Councillor Mrs Yeates agreed that she would provide an update on the concerns raised after the next meeting of the Panel.

262. CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONS AND UPDATES

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Dr Walsh, provided Members with an update on Arun District Council's formal commitment to joining the Greater Brighton Economic Board. He advised that the board were pleased to have the Council on board, and he had received a presentation on the investment that the District could expect to gain as well as what the District had to offer. He also advised that on Monday 21 October 2019, West Sussex County Council's Environment, Committee and Fire Select Committee had also supported the Magenta bypass option, that showed they were in support with the decision that Arun District Council made at the Special Full Council Meeting on 10 October 2019.

Councillor Dendle asked Dr Walsh, if he would push forward his request for the Arundel Chord as he felt that it would provide resilience to the Brighton area. Dr Walsh confirmed that at the first meeting he did raise this and there was general support for the Arundel Chord amongst the group.

263. WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020

The Group Head of Policy updated Members on the following Work Programme updates:

- CCG have accepted the invite from the Chairman to attend the 10 December 2019 meeting of the Committee. She made a request that any Members who had any detailed questions for the CCG ensured that these were provided to her and the Chairman no later than 8 November 2019.
- The Overpaid Housing Benefit Item that was due to be reported to the Committee on 28 January 2020, required moving to October 2020 due to a change in legislation and a required bedding in period that was needed.

Two further requests were made by Members to invite Network Rail to attend a meeting of the Committee to discuss the Arundel Chord and an invite to Southern Water to discuss options to ensure that Arun's residents would be much better-informed during 'no water' incidents, this request was based on the feedback from the outage that happened in September 2019.

The Group Head of Policy reminded Members that they had a limited number of meetings left in this Civic year and that some of the items suggested would need to be considered to fit onto next years (2020-2021) work programme.

Subject to approval at the next Overview Select Committee meeting

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The Committee RESOLVED

That the updated work programme be agreed.

(The meeting concluded at 20:05pm)