

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

LEISURE SERVICES TASK AND FINISH GROUP

1. Purpose/Objectives of the Review

- To review the objectives of the Service
- To review the extent to which the Service meets these objectives
- To review whether the Service provides 'value for money'.

2. Outcomes Required

- To make recommendations to support the development of a clear and appropriately resourced Leisure Services Policy/Strategy

3. Information Required

- User satisfaction survey results
- Existing Leisure Services Policy/Strategy
- Leisure Services Action/Business Plan
- Financial information such as the cost of the service

4. Format of Information

- Officer reports/presentations
- Baseline data
- Best practice external to Northampton; e.g. Visits to other Local Authorities
- Witness interview with the Portfolio Holder
- Customer Survey
- Young People's Survey.
- Information on the general health of the citizens of Northampton

5. Methods Used to Gather Information

- Minutes of the meetings
- Desktop research
- Customers views on leisure services
- Young people's views on leisure services – Youth Forum to be asked to carry out the survey
- Evidence from Northamptonshire County Council's Healthier Communities Scrutiny Committee
- Evidence from Northampton PCT

- Evidence from an expert - Fellow researcher at Northampton University
- Evidence from the Portfolio Holder

6. Co-Options to the Review Committee

M Burrows, Chief Executive Northampton PCT and the Health Professor at Northampton University to be asked to become a co-optee of this Task and Finish Group.

7. Evidence gathering Timetable

September 2006 to January 2007

12 September	Scope the review
10 October	Evidence gathering
8 November	Evidence gathering
6 December	Evidence gathering
8 January 2007	Finalise Chair's report

8. Responsible Officers

Lead Officer	Thomas Hall
Co-ordinator	Tracy Tiff

9. Resources and Budgets

I Redfern, Leisure Services Manager, to provide support and advice.

Possible expert evidence and research.

10. Final report resented by:

Completed by 8 January 2007. Presented by the Chair of the Task and Finish Group to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet.

11. Monitoring procedure:

Review the impact of the report after six months (July/August 2007)