

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Community Select Committee

27 September 2023

TITLE:	Leisure Operations Model – re-establishment of working group
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Damien Greenhalgh – Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Regeneration, Leisure and Tourism
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WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

Appendices Attached – None

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make recommendations for the re-establishment of a working group to consider the future operations model for the Council's Leisure Centres.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That a joint working group be established with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to scrutinise proposals for the leisure operations model as detailed in paragraphs 6.3 and 6.4 of this report.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Leisure Facilities Working Group was first convened in April 2021 by the Community Select Committee to scrutinise the proposals of the Leisure Transformation Plan. This work led to a report approved by The Executive on 6 October 2022.
- 3.2 It is now proposed that the working group is re-convened to further scrutinise the development of the leisure operations model. Given the cross-Alliance nature of the area to be scrutinised it is also proposed that this be established as a joint working group with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 This report links to Aim 1 of the Council’s Corporate Plan “Supporting our communities to create a safer, healthier, cleaner High Peak”.

To deliver Aim 1 of the objective “Provision of high quality leisure facilities both in formal leisure centres and swimming pools and out in our communities”.

5. **Alternative Options**

- 5.1 To not establish a Member working group - by not involving Members via a structured method of engagement, such as a Member working group, a risk is presented that the views of Members and their aspirations are not fully considered in the development of the leisure operations model (not recommended).
- 5.2 To create a Member working group – This will ensure members are fully informed of the process being followed in regard to the leisure operations model and gives them an opportunity to shape the outcomes (recommended).

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Web Links and Background Papers

Previous working group reports/minutes

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6. **Detail**

- 6.1 The Leisure Facilities Working Group was first convened in April 2021 by the Community Select Committee to scrutinise the proposals of the Leisure Transformation Plan. The group was politically balanced and comprised 7 elected members. The group considered the following priorities:

- The findings of a needs analysis and review of the evidence base.
- The proposed capital investment options that had been identified to meet the forecasted needs.
- The future management options for the Alliance leisure centres.

- 6.2 Presentations were provided by officers and FMG Consulting at each meeting detailing the progress and findings relating to the project. This work led to a report approved by The Executive on 6 October 2022.

6.3 It is now proposed that the working group is re-convened to further scrutinise the development of the leisure operations model. Given the cross-Alliance nature of the area to be scrutinised it is also proposed that this be established as a joint working group with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. HPBC political groups are invited to nominate 7 councillors politically balanced as follows:

Labour	5
Conservative	2

6.4 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council will also be invited to nominate 7 councillors on a politically balanced basis.