

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Service Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

**6 September 2023**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Leisure Operations Model</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>Councillor Matt Wwindlehurst – Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>Linden Vernon – Head of Democratic Services</b>
<b>WARDS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>Non-Specific</b>

**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 High Peak Borough Council to scrutinise proposals for the leisure operations model as detailed in paragraph 6.4 of this report.

**3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 The Leisure Facilities Working Group was first convened in April 2021 by the Service Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise the proposals of the Leisure Transformation Plan. This work led to a report approved by Cabinet on 14 February 2023.
- 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 High Peak Borough Council.

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

- 4.1 This report links to Aim 1 of the Council's Corporate Plan "To help create a safer and healthier environment for our communities to live and work".

To deliver Aim 1 of the objective "Provision of sports facilities and leisure opportunities focused upon improving health".

#### 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).

Mark Trillo

#### **Executive Director – Governance and Commissioning**

##### **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 Service Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Panel 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 Cabinet on 14 February 2023.

- 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 High Peak Borough Council. SMDC political groups are invited to nominate 7 councillors politically balanced as follows:

Conservative	3
Independent and Liberal Democrat	1
Labour	3

- 6.4 High Peak Borough Council will also be invited to nominate 7 councillors on a politically balanced basis.