

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **THURSDAY, 15TH MAY 2014**

REPORT BY: **HOUSING AND LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FACILITATOR**

SUBJECT: **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LEISURE FINANCE TASK & FINISH GROUP**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To seek the Committee's approval for a recommendation from the Leisure Finance Task & Finish Group to be supported and recommended to Cabinet for approval.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The Leisure Finance Task & Finish Group was set up in October 2013 in order to review and address the current level of overspend within the Leisure Service Budget.

2.02 The Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee had also considered setting up a Task & Finish Group to review the Leisure Service Budget, therefore, the Lifelong Learning Overview & Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on the 10 October, 2014, proposed that the Chairman of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee be invited to sit on the Task & Finish Group and report back the work of the Group when necessary.

2.03 The Membership of the Task & Finish Group is as follows:-

- Cllr David Mackie (Chairman)
- Cllr Marion Bateman
- Cllr Stella Jones
- Cllr Nancy Matthews
- Cllr Tim Newhouse

2.04 Meetings of the Task & Finish Group are also attended by the following officers who provide specialist advice:-

- Lawrence Rawsthorne, Head of Culture & Leisure
- Mike Welch, Principal Leisure Services Officer
- Paul Jones, Business Improvement Manager
- Carl Jones, Accountant – Financial Services

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The Leisure Finance Task & Finish Group held its second meeting on the 11 April, 2014 where Members were provided with a breakdown on maintenance works for leisure facilities, rates bill for each Leisure Centre and a financial update for 2013/14 and budget for 2014/15.

3.02 During discussion around schools where dual use leisure facilities were provided, the Task & Finish Group proposed that officers initiate discussions with the schools to assess whether they would consider assuming responsibility for community access of the facilities in the future.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That the Lifelong Learning Overview & Scrutiny Committee agree to recommend to the Cabinet that:-

- Officers initiate discussions with schools where dual use leisure facilities were provided to assess whether they would consider assuming responsibility for community access of the facilities in the future.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 The report proposes consultation to be undertaken with schools where dual use leisure facilities were provided.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 None.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.

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