

GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: SPECIAL MEETING

7 October 2021

LEISURE CONTRACT - BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Strategic Director for Places

Strategic Aim:	Vibrant communities	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Mr A Walters, Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Care	
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Ward Councillors	All	

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1. Notes the draft "Rutland's Leisure and Wellbeing Needs: An Analysis and Options Appraisal Overview" (Appendix A), and provides comments in advance of detailed work to develop the business case for future provision

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Scrutiny Panel to consider the development of the draft Rutland Leisure and Wellbeing Needs Analysis and provide comments such that recommendations for Cabinet can be developed, to shape the future of leisure provision for the County. The draft report in Appendix A outlines options but does not make specific recommendations or commit the Council to capital investment. Scrutiny feedback is requested to help shape these elements of the report.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 Rutland County Council's Corporate Plan sets out Priority Themes including Vibrant Communities and Protecting the Vulnerable. Within these Themes are specific Strategic Aims including:

- Protect, maintain, enhance and conserve what makes Rutland great

- Improve access for children and young people to be engaged out of school
- Explore the opportunities for new and improved cultural and leisure opportunities for Rutland
- Work with partners to protect and enhance healthcare within our community
- Protect and improve the lives of vulnerable adults

2.2 Ensuring the provision of affordable opportunities for residents to access leisure and wellbeing provision can support the delivery of these aims. However, it is not necessarily the case that the way in which this provision has been delivered in the past is still the best, or only, way to achieve these aims.

2.3 The Council has commissioned RPT Consulting, an established leisure consultancy, to engage with stakeholders and partners to examine the nature of the current provision in Rutland, and what is needed to meet the challenges of the next generation. This work has been used to develop a draft Needs Analysis and Options Appraisal.

2.4 By bringing this work to Scrutiny for consideration at a draft stage, it is hoped that agreement on the key options to be pursued can be developed. Comments arising from the Scrutiny review will inform the development of the detailed business case for the preferred options. This will in turn inform recommendations to Cabinet and Full Council, which will determine future provision for the County.

2.5 Although the draft report includes scoring for the options developed by Officers, these are not finalised, and do not represent recommendations. Scrutiny is requested to review the options and scoring as part of their commentary, identify any elements which would benefit from amendment, and suggest preferred options which will be considered by the portfolio holder and officers before detailed work is undertaken to explore their revenue and capital implications, which will be reported to Cabinet.

2.6 A key consideration will be ensuring that the ambitions of residents can be delivered within the Council's Medium-term Financial Plan, and where possible contribute to reducing resource expenditure.

3 CONSULTATION

3.1 Public consultation has been undertaken through the Future Rutland Conversation.

3.2 RPT Consulting have undertaken a programme of discussions and engagement with local stakeholders and partners as outlined in the appendix.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 Scrutiny is invited to comment on all the options outlined for the County's future leisure provision in the appendix and agree key options to be pursued. Scrutiny is asked to identify any significant omissions that should be explored.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The project work to deliver the evidence for decision making is funded through a specific project fund agreed by Cabinet in 2020.

5.2 The appendix outlines the high-level financial implications of the various options. Feedback from Scrutiny will allow focused work to take place on detailed development of the business case for the preferred options.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 There are no legal or governance implications arising from Scrutiny considering this issue and providing comments.

7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

7.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been completed. No adverse or other significant risks/issues were found arising from Scrutiny considering this issue. A copy of the DPIA can be obtained from Robert Clayton, rclayton@rutland.gov.uk

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed. No adverse or other significant risks/issues were found arising from Scrutiny considering this issue and providing comments.

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 No adverse or other significant risks/issues were found arising from Scrutiny considering this issue and providing comments.

10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Provision of a comprehensive and accessible network of facilities to enable individuals and groups to live active lives can be a significant benefit to the health and wellbeing of the community. A vibrant sports community already exists in Rutland and is a significant contribution to the relatively high levels of health and wellbeing recorded in the County. A positive attitude to physical fitness and personal health has also been shown to improve the mental wellbeing of individuals. The range of facilities and pursuits available in Rutland is also a strong draw for persons considering relocating to the area.

11 ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Environmental implications

11.2 Provision of a network of facilities can help to reduce the carbon impact of residents travelling out of county to access leisure, recreation and wellbeing provision.

12 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The Growth, Infrastructure & Resources Scrutiny Panel is invited to consider the needs analysis and options outlined in Appendix A. Comments from Scrutiny will be used to inform recommendations for Cabinet, which will shape the future of leisure provision for the County.

13 BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

14 APPENDICES

14.1 Appendix A: Rutland's Leisure and Wellbeing Needs: An Analysis and Options Appraisal, Overview

A Large Print or Braille Version of this Report is available upon request – Contact 01572 722577.

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