

## **Overview and Scrutiny Review Matrix**

**Review Topic: Leisure Strategy**

**Timescale:**

**Start: May 2021**

**Finish: August 2021**

### **Review Rationale:**

1. The draft Leisure Strategy went out to consultation in autumn 2020 and is due to be adopted in late spring / early summer 2021 – the Task and Finish Group will undertake pre-decision scrutiny.
2. The Task and Finish Group will review the consultation and its responses to ensure the Council has looked sufficiently broadly across the District.
3. The draft strategy needs to be reviewed, ensuring that it and the subsequent delivery plan are based on high quality, local evidence about the provision of and demand for local leisure facilities, now and in the future.
4. There are proposals for major investments in sports and leisure facilities (e.g. Newbury Lido) and tendering of key contracts within the lifetime of the strategy, which must have a clear rationale and business case.
5. The Task and Finish Group will make comments / recommendations for further work and / or changes to the strategy prior to going to Executive for adoption.

### **Key Questions:**

1. Does the Draft Leisure Strategy achieve all of its objectives?
2. Has the Council consulted widely enough in preparing the strategy, including community groups and seldom heard communities?
3. Do we have a clear picture of current and future demand for / usage of / satisfaction with local facilities across the full spectrum of sports and leisure activities, based on high quality, local evidence?
4. Are there any geographical gaps in provision of sports and leisure facilities?
5. Is there a sufficient club / voluntary group network within the district (including coaches, trainers, organisers, support staff, referees, etc) to facilitate participation and make effective use of available facilities?
6. Do we have a clear picture of any barriers to local citizens participating in sports and leisure activities and will the strategy be effective in addressing these?
7. How popular / well-used are local leisure assets such as the Newbury Lido and the Dolphin Centre in Pangbourne?
8. How effective has local stakeholder engagement been in informing the development of the strategy and associated major investment proposals (e.g. Newbury Lido), and is there a clear business case for these investments?

### **Membership:**

Cllr Gareth Hurley  
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**Chairman:** Cllr Gareth Hurley

**Vice-Chairman:** TBC

**Lead Officer:** Gordon Oliver

**Information Required:**

- Draft Leisure Strategy
- Consultation Report
- Evidence Base
- Leisure Programme
- Other TBC

**Witnesses:**

- Matt Pearce (Service Director – Communities and Wellbeing)
- Jim Sweeting (Sports and Leisure Manager)
- Others TBC