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## **HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**SCRUTINY BOARD**

**26 February 2013**

### **LEISURE STRATEGY REVIEW**

**Report By the Economy and Communities Panel**

**ITEM NO 6**

**Economy and Communities Portfolio: Councillor Yvonne Weeks**

**Key Decision: N/A**

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#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To present the research and findings of the Economy and Communities Panel in connection with its Leisure Strategy Review.

#### **2.0 Recommendation**

That the Scrutiny Board recommends to Cabinet that:

- 2.1 Havant Borough Council should continue to invest in leisure and sports development, but should capitalise on opportunities to improve the offer without increasing budget costs;
- 2.2 the following opportunities, identified by the Panel, should be pursued;
- (i) Actively promoting the self-management of pitches;
  - (ii) Investigating the feasibility of outsourcing the sports development function; and
  - (iii) Explore the advantages of amalgamating the functions of the three officers involved in leisure and sports development.
- 2.3 Havant Borough Council should maintain its current level of funding for sports development and cultural infrastructure.

#### **3.0 Summary**

- 3.1 The Economy and Communities Panel has undertaken a review to investigate why Havant Borough Council should deliver sports development, assess whether support should continue to support cultural infrastructure and if so how this would be best done.
- 3.2 The Panel's report, giving details of the research undertaken, together with their conclusions and recommendations, is set out in their report at Appendix A.

## **4.0 Implications**

### **4.1 Resources:**

The recommendations in the report offer the opportunity to make better use of existing resources.

### **4.2 Legal:**

None arising directly from this report

### **4.3 Strategy:**

Revising the way the Council delivers its leisure services will contribute towards the Council's objective of providing excellent public services.

### **4.3 Risks:**

None arising directly from this report

### **4.4 Communications:**

The results of this scrutiny will be communicated with those organisations and individuals that contributed to this piece of work.

### **4.5 For the Community:**

Improved coordination of services will improve the leisure offer to the community.

### **4.6 The Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has been completed and concluded the following:**

- This service has a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of all aspects of the community
- The extensive free access, outreach sports delivery programme provides opportunities for those in the most deprived areas of the borough
- The delivery of sports activities provides opportunities for individuals to gain additional skills and experience, thereby improving their opportunities for employment.

## **5.0 Consultation**

The Leisure Scrutiny Panel undertook extensive consultation with organisations and individuals that use the Council's leisure services.

### **Appendices:**

**Appendix A** – Leisure Strategy Review – report by the Economy and Communities Panel

### **Background Papers:**

None

Agreed and signed off by:

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