

<b>Subject:</b>	Leisure Review		<b>Status:</b>	For Publication	
<b>Report to:</b>	Performance Overview and Scrutiny		<b>Date:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Customers and Communities		<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Leader of the Council	
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Community Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:		No	Attached:	No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:		No	Attached:	No
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>				
1.1	For Overview and Scrutiny to note the work carried out so far in relation to the leisure review and delivery of the development project.				

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To update Overview and Scrutiny Performance on progress made against the projects implemented as part of the leisure review and the subsequent recommendations taken by Council on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011 as part of its prioritisation of the Council's Strategic Priorities.
- 2.2 To provide an update on the funding agreements relating to Rossendale Leisure Trust (RLT) and the Community Leisure Association Whitworth (CLAW).

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all
  - **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy
  - **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services

## 4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendations in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- The revised alignment of the Councils Corporate Priorities has changed the outline business case for Rossendale Leisure Trust. Their business plan needs to deliver against the revised financial assumptions as any negative deviation from those assumptions could have an impact on the Council's overall budget.
- Failure to deliver against the revised Rossendale Leisure Trust business plan and Community Leisure Association of Whitworth's ongoing redesign of their business model would have an impact on the reputation of the Council and our leisure partners.

## 5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

5.1 Following the culmination of the leisure review and the outcome of the Council's review of its 'Corporate Priorities', the operational model for Rossendale Leisure Trust going forward will be the strategic management and operational delivery of the following facilities:

- Haslingden Sports Centre
- Haslingden Swimming Baths
- Marl Pits Sports Centre with swimming pool, fitness suite, exercise room, and four all weather pitches

5.2 In terms of CLAW they will continue to oversee the operational delivery and strategic management of Whitworth Pool and Riverside Civic Hall.

5.3 The following points provide an overview of progress made since the last meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Performance.

### **Ski Rossendale**

5.4 As previously reported the transfer of Ski Rossendale was an intrinsic part of the delivery of the leisure review. It is pleasing to report that following an open and robust tender and procurement process the smooth transfer of the lease for the Ski site was awarded to Ski Rossendale Ltd.

5.5 To quote the website of Ski Rossendale Ltd they are "committed to the long term development of Ski Rossendale as a facility where all people can come together to have fun, whilst learning to Ski and Board. It has long been an Iconic leisure facility in Rossendale and we aim to once again put Ski Rossendale on the map as a 'must Visit' Attraction within the North West of England". Their 'Grand Opening' was on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

## **Facilities Development at Marl Pits**

- 5.6 The 'Development Project Team' consisting of representatives from across Council departments, senior staff of Rossendale Leisure Trust, Mouchel and the team supporting Kier Northern has continued to meet to refine plans for the development at Marl Pits.
- 5.7 Work started on site in September with united utilities carrying out some pre onsite investigations resulting in the need to redirect a gas main that is located under the present site.

## **Funding and Performance agreement: CLAW and the Riverside**

- 5.8 The Riverside Action Plan is attached at appendix 1 along with the financial report at appendix 2 and Riverside bookings at appendix 3.

## **Funding and Performance agreement: Rossendale Leisure Trust**

- 5.9 Performance report for Rossendale Leisure Trust is attached at appendix 4 along with the financial report at appendix 5 and a presentation on RLT's team is at appendix 6.
- 5.10 In addition, work is ongoing between the Borough Council and the Leisure Trust to review and agree key performance indicators and this will be reported to future meeting.

## **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

### **6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 6.1 The funding agreement for the year 2011/12 has been agreed with the leisure trust based on the Council's recommendations of 28 September 2011.

### **7. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 7.1 No issues identified.

### **8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 8.1 No issues identified.

### **9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 9.1 As included within the body of the report.

### **10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 There has been progress against the delivery of the leisure review but clearly the financial climate the Council, CLAW and the Leisure Trust operates within will require

each organisations to continually review costs and the most effective use of resources.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Riverside Action Plan	<i>Appendix 1</i>
CLAW financial report	<i>Appendix 2</i>
Riverside bookings	<i>Appendix 3</i>
Performance report – RLT	<i>Appendix 4</i>
Financial report – RLT	<i>Appendix 5</i>
RLT Team Presentation	<i>Appendix 6</i>