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SUBJECT:	South Bucks Leisure Advisory Board
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1. Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the proposal to create a joint Chiltern and South Bucks Leisure Advisory Group to oversee leisure partnership working with the County Sports Partnership (LEAP), Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), Public Health, Clinical Commissioning, Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council.

RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET

That Members agree to a joint leisure advisory group to maximise the opportunities for partnership working across the two councils through their contracts with GLL and through working with Public Health the Clinical Commissioning Group and the County Sports Partnership.

2. Reasons for Recommendations

To improve partnership working across Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils, GLL, LEAP, the Clinical Commissioning Group and Public Health to assist in the delivery of increase participation in physical activity.

3. Content of Report

Both District Councils are undertaking open spaces and playing pitch analysis and are reviewing the indoor leisure facilities provided by schools, clubs and the respective councils. These studies will identify opportunities to work with key stakeholders including clubs, schools, the community sports partnership, clinical commissioning groups, and the public health team to maximise access to physical activity in all its forms. The reviews may identify future opportunities to deliver a joint Leisure Strategy.

Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), as the leisure provider for both Councils, is responsible for the management of the Councils leisure centres and the delivery of a leisure outreach programme. Across the two districts GLL supports a range of activities in the Councils facilities including; swimming, fitness, gym sessions, climbing, badminton, netball etc, attracting over 1.2M visits/annum. The outreach activities, targeted at younger and older persons provide community based activities involving; Pilates, netball, walking football etc. GLL also delivers the schools rowing competition across both council areas attracting 1500 participants. GLL have accessed funding from the 'Active Bucks' programme to deliver additional outreach activities and are well placed to attract other resources to the locality for the benefit of sports participation. GLL also brings additional resources to the areas through their Sporting Ambassadors, Sports Foundation and apprenticeship programmes and the GLL Leisure College.

GLL also deliver the targeted Healthwise intervention programme supporting patients through a formally accredited tiered fitness programme reducing the risk of coronary heart disease, stroke, obesity and falls.

The County Sports Partnership (LEAP) supports the delivery of clubs, schools sports, coaching and provides the links to national and local funding streams including those

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from the National Governing Bodies. The Sportivate funding accessed by LEAP enables the delivery of the GLL outreach programme for young people.

The CCG and Public Health teams are delivering actions to implement the Physical Activity Strategy and Active Bucks programme to try to deliver a step change in community participation in activities.

Both Councils currently operate leisure advisory boards meeting separately with GLL and LEAP, duplicating the partnership working. The operational performance of the individual Councils leisure contracts are discussed at the boards in a closed session, without LEAP being present. Whilst two separate contracts, GLL operate a single membership scheme, enabling residents of both authorities to use facilities in either district.

It is proposed to bring the two boards together to enable greater opportunities to promote joint use of the centres and to market the facilities to residents of both districts. A joint advisory board would enable greater opportunities to attract both the CCG and Public Health team to work in partnership to the benefit of increasing physical activity, and seek to bring a more holistic approach to leisure deliver across a range of partners.

Delivering as a partnership could create improved opportunities to attract external funding from Sport England etc. to improve the facility offer, improve community pay and play provision through accessing school facilities, support club development and create opportunities for green space activity programmes.

4. Options for future provision

1. To agree to establish a joint leisure advisory group
2. To remain with separate leisure advisory boards.

5. Consultation

Not Applicable at this stage

6. Corporate Implications

- 3.1 *Financial – no financial implications, but there would be a saving in staff time for LEAP, GLL and the two Councils.*
- 3.2 *Legal – the terms of reference would require the contract monitoring part of the meeting would be a closed session confidential between representatives of GLL, and Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council. Members would only be able to consider the performance relating to their own council.*
- 3.3 *Increasing active participation assists the wider health economy to reduce health inequality, support residents to recover from acute health events and reduce the risk of long term illness, obesity, falls etc.*

7. Links to Council Policy Objectives

- Delivering cost- effective, customer- focused services
- Working towards safe and healthier local communities
- Striving to conserve the environment and promote sustainability

8. Next Step

Following Member approval officers will formally bring the two leisure advisory boards together as one group.

Background Papers:	Appendix 1 draft Terms of Reference for a joint Leisure Advisory Group
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