

Overview & Scrutiny Task Group Meeting Notes



Review topic	Date of Meeting
New Leisure Centre	30 April 2020

Attendance	Venue
Members: Baker (Chair) Grange Ray Robinson Silvester-Hall M. Wilcox Matthews (observing) E. Little (Cabinet Member) Officers: Ben Percival John Smith Sarah Sleigh Christine Lewis Witnesses: None	Virtual

Areas Discussed
<p>Declarations of Interests – Cllr Grange declared a personal interest as a member of Freedom Leisure and has association with the Friends of Friary Grange Cllr Ray declared a personal interest as he has association with the Friends of Friary Grange Cllr Baker declared a personal interest as her husband uses the cardio rehab facility</p> <p>Terms of Reference The ToR were noted. It was agreed that there would be confidential information given at the meetings so usual rules would apply. It was asked that climate impact be included as this could be a big aspect for the group to consider. It was discussed whether users should be part of the group as it would be key to consider if a new centre or type of centre would be commercially viable. It was reported that their views would inform the shaping of the new centre but as there would be financially sensitive information presented so fully coopting onto the group would be a big risk however they could be called to the group as witnesses whenever deemed appropriate. It was</p>

asked that a stakeholder list be created that could be used as a focus group like done for the BRS Task Group.

Presentation

John Smith presented the schedule and project plan to the group including what had already been completed. It was noted that Sports England support for funding. It was also reported that the SPOM report from Max Associates would be key and also for the whole district, would have a focus towards the city centre. It was agreed for the first phase of this report to be presented at the groups next meeting. It was noted that there had been some delay in the report due to the pandemic and the impact on the leisure industry would have to be known.

It was noted that some engagement had already taken place with the public for both Lichfield City and Burntwood areas and it was agreed to share these findings. It was noted that Covid-19 had created some barriers to engagement however virtual sessions had taken place.

Site choices

It was reported that there were currently 8 potential sites. Members felt the site would be key in shaping the type of facility as if in the centre, there would not be a need for a café but if in north Lichfield it may also be beneficial to be a community hub. It was asked that transport links be part of the site consideration. It was suggested that tours round other facilities be conducted by the group to understand what could be done for the budget available/agreed. It was suggested that this now be done virtually as social distancing would be difficult in person. It was also asked that schools be considered as the need for a pool could differ depending on how many are near the chosen site. It was suggested that schools be a key stakeholder for the group.

Outcomes

That the group is up to speed on the project plan and timeline. It was requested that this timeline remain rigid as the life of FGLC was finite.

Further Work Required/Next Steps:

Virtual tours of other leisure centres

Creation of a stakeholder list

Receive the Max Associated report