

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** September 2016  
**Report of:** Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships

### **Report Title:**

Trafford's Leisure Strategy - Key activity and timeline

### **Summary**

The underpinning activity to complete the borough's leisure strategy should be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Proposals will be submitted to the Council's Executive in October 2016 and following this, be presented to Scrutiny Committee in November 2016.

### **Recommendation(s)**

Note timescales for completion of Trafford's Leisure Strategy in order to inform future Scrutiny Committee agenda planning.

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### **Background Papers:**

1. Report of the Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships - Trafford Leisure Services.
2. Report of the Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships - Trafford Leisure Services update – Scrutiny Committee 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

### **Background**

Following the update to Scrutiny Committee last March the intention was to report back to committee in September to discuss the proposed leisure strategy. The activities required to complete this work require a revised timeline as set out below.

The Council's newly formed leisure company, Trafford Leisure CiC Ltd, continues to perform satisfactorily and is financially stable as we approach the end of its first year of operation.

## **Leisure Strategy**

Trafford's Leisure Strategies has three key components;

1. The overarching Leisure Strategy (Indoor and Outdoor Leisure)
2. The commercial prospectus that sets out proposal for the future use/development of the Council's leisure centres including the long-term sustainability of Trafford Leisure CIC Ltd. (indoor leisure facilities)
3. The Playing Pitch Strategy (outdoor leisure facilities)

**Item 1 – Over-arching Leisure Strategy** – Indoor and outdoor leisure

**Item 2 - The Commercial Prospectus** – An initial proposal was completed within the agreed timescales with independent specialist support and challenge. The CIC Board is currently evaluating the Commercial Prospectus for deliverability and robustness. This work is expected to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

**Item 3 – The Playing Pitch Strategy** - This is being developed in consultation with all the major sport's governing bodies strictly adhering to the methodology set out by Sport England. This is critical to all the clubs and associations that operate sporting facilities in the borough and to enable them, where appropriate, to draw down any potential funding in the future to help them improve facilities and broaden access to Trafford residents. This work is expected to be completed by early 2017. It is intended to report back on the progress of this aspect of work within the timescales set out here.

All these aspects are underpinned by a clear vision to reduce inactivity across the borough by improving access to a broad range of sport and leisure facilities.

## **Timescales**

With the anticipated conclusion of the Leisure Strategy and Commercial Prospectus in October 2016, it is expected that a report will be submitted to the Council's Executive for 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 (excluding Playing Pitch Strategy). Following this it is proposed to submit the paper to Scrutiny Committee at the meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016. It will not be possible to complete the Playing Pitch Strategy until early 2017 as the technical assessment of winter outdoor sports facilities has to be undertaken during the winter period.

**Please note:** Whilst every effort is being made to achieve the timescales set out in this report, Scrutiny Committee are asked to note that the decisions required amount to a very significant level of capital investment, both by the Local Authority and the Leisure Company. The impact of these investments must also have a demonstrably positive impact upon reducing Trafford resident's physical inactivity with a corresponding improvement in health and wellbeing which is also a significant undertaking. Due to the magnitude of these decisions, the Leisure Company's financial appraisal, the Leisure Board of Directors may require more time to formulate its plans, and/or the Council's Executive may reject elements of the strategy when presented in October, which would require more work and result in the potential for a delay in submitting proposals to Scrutiny Committee.

Financial Impact:	TBC
Legal Impact:	TBC
Human Resources Impact:	TBC
Asset Management Impact:	TBC
E-Government Impact:	TBC
Risk Management Impact:	TBC
Health and Safety Impact:	TBC

### **Consultation**

Each Local Authority is required to have a published Playing Pitch Strategy. It is a technical requirement that the main sports governing bodies and Sport England must be consulted during its production. Each governing body act in the interests of the clubs affiliated to them and specifically consults them as required during the process of providing feedback to the Council.

Consultation on the Leisure Strategy will be undertaken as appropriate based on the recommended outcomes from the Strategy.

### **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

To inform Scrutiny Committee agenda planning in order to receive the Leisure Strategy proposals in line with the estimated timescales for completing the activities that underpin the strategy, whilst noting that further time may be required due to the magnitude of the decisions required.