LEISURE TASK AND FINISH PANEL – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title: Leisure

Status: Task and Finish

Terms of Reference:

To consider the following issues as identified by Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) Waltham Abbey Sports Centre/Swimming Pool:
 - To assess the feasibility of providing a new sports hall at the Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool;
 - To conclude the assessment commenced in 2007/08 of evaluating the current and potential future management arrangements at Waltham Abbey Sports Centre.
- (2) The on-going monitoring of the Youth Initiatives Scheme.

(3) To evaluate, with the Epping Forest College, options for the provision of sports facilities as part of the development proposals for the College.

Aims and Objectives

Waltham Abbey

(1) To determine the feasibility of constructing a new sports hall as part of the present swimming pool complex thereby providing more modern and acceptable facilities for the local community and if feasible:

(a) to discuss the management of options and management fee with SLM; and

(b) to cease the existing dual use agreement at Waltham Abbey Sports Centre.

(2) To scrutinise the background to any negotiations with the King Harold School in respect of the future management of the existing dual use facility so that a recommendation can be made to Cabinet in respect of either:

(a) the cessation of the existing dual use arrangements due to the moving of the facility to Waltham Abbey swimming pool; or

(b) additional investment into the existing sports centre with an on-going dual use agreement with the school for community use and a programme for the outsourcing of the facility management to a third party.

Youth Initiatives

(1) To complete the monitoring of the 2007/08 youth initiatives and to report the outcome to Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet by the autumn of 2008.

(2) To monitor the progress of the 10 year (2007 to 2017) Play Strategy and the application of £244,000 capital funding over the next two years.

Epping Forest College

(1) To work with the management of the Epping Forest College to explore, develop and bring forward proposals for the provision of community sports provision as part of the College expansion plans.

(2) As part of the evaluation and consideration of any proposals to consult with the Youth Council and relevant Town and Parish Councils.

LEISURE TASK AND FINISH PANEL: WORK PROGRAMME

TIMESCALE	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL
Outline of requirements and recommendations re funding of Design Proposals. Report on temporary agreement progress with school.	1 st Meeting – July 2008	Completed
Feasibility, costs and planning issues of schemes at WASP reported back.	T&F October/November 2008	
Report back on discussions with SLM re Management fee etc.		
If new build recommended, report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	O&S	Report to O&S in November 2008.
If site remaining at WASC then propose future objectives of facility.		
If WASP project agreed by O&S then report to Cabinet re new build request for funding of scheme 2009/10 and future budgetary changes re closure of WASC.	December 2008	Report to Cabinet in November 2008.
If site remaining at WASC then report recommended programme and timetable for outsourcing and Tender process.		
If WASP project agreed then get Cabinet confirmation of Capital Budget and SLM Management fee.	January/February 2008	
Chairman: Councillor Mrs R Gadsby		