

Report to the Cabinet

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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Leisure and Young People.

Subject: Leisure Task and Finish Panel Report.

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

To endorse the report and recommendations of the Leisure Task and Finish Panel.

Report:

1. The Leisure Task and Finish Panel was established to by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in June to look at four topics. These were:

- The future management of Waltham Abbey Sports Centre;
- To review the future management of the Roding Valley Meadows Local Nature Reserve;
- To review Arts Development in the District; and
- To review the District Council's role and involvement in outdoor and community events.

2. Two of the above topics were urgent by virtue of being time bound by termination dates of existing legal agreements. These topics are the future management of Roding Valley Meadows Local Nature Reserve and the future management of the Waltham Abbey Sports Centre.

3. The background of all four of the topics are explored in detail in the report, with appropriate recommendations set out on pages 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the report.

4. This report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 April 2007 and any comments made by the Committee will be reported verbally to the Cabinet on the night of the meeting.

Statement in Support of Recommended Action:

5. Please see pages 30, 31 and 32 of the Leisure Task and Finish Panel Final report.

Other Options Considered and Rejected:

6. All other options have been considered by the Panel and are contained within the body of the report.

Consultation undertaken:

7. The external consultation undertaken is listed in the Acknowledgements section of the Task and Finish Panel's report.

Resource implications:

Budget provision: None.

Personnel: None.

Land: None.

Community Plan/BVPP reference: None.

Relevant statutory powers: N/A.

Background papers: Minutes of the Leisure Task and Finish Panel.

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: None.

Key Decision reference (if required): N/A.